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## Birding is Much More Than Watching

By Marilou Newell

For some people, tromping around woodlands or along rocky coastlines in winter is not their idea of how to spend downtime. But for many thousands of others, it is the perfect time to go birding. But first, let's begin with a simple truth: There is birding, and there is birdwatching.

We will be discussing birding, which is the active pursuit out in nature to locate and identify birds. Birdwatching is the far more passive observation of birds, say in your backyard or that accidental meeting of a soaring eagle high above Leonard's Pond; you stop, watch, and then go merrily on your way. That is not birding; that is birdwatching. Both are worthwhile activities, but the former requires much more engagement.

On February 10, the Marion Natural History Museum hosted a virtual presentation on the topic of birding and ways to get started in what can be family-oriented, fun-for-all-ages activity safely enjoyed outside in the fresh air. To introduce the participants to this one-of-a-kind hobby was birder Justin Barrett of Marion.

Barrett began by establishing why someone should take up birding. "First, it's a way to connect with others, especially during the pandemic; a way of doing something together." Secondly, "It's a way to connect with nature," he offered, and thirdly, "It's a way to be part of science, a citizen scientist." Barrett recalled the winter of 2019 when, while birding with children from the MNHM program, "We came upon the first red-wing blackbirds to migrate to the area." The thrill of that shared moment still rung out in his voice. That's what birding can do for the soul.

Barrett said this time of the year is a good time for birding along the wetlands of the seashore and inland-water sources where ducks can be found. With patience and persistence, two attributes one must either possess

innately or develop to be a successful birder, one might spot ducks with names like Wood, Gadwall, Common Eider, Harlequin, or Merganser. Later, when spring becomes a promise we know will come true, the roseate terns return to Planting Island to nest, but you'll have to view them from afar for their protection.

In the backyard, one could take up positions inviting your children to spend a bit of time observing the birds. You might think this is merely birdwatching, nay you would be wrong. Just try spotting a little brown sparrow as it chirps from the bushes. If it doesn't move, you'll have a hard time pegging its location. Other local year-round visitors such as the brilliantly red male cardinal, American goldfinch, or cedar waxwing are stunningly beautiful birds.

Barrett said that birding doesn't require a heavy load of equipment or deep knowledge of bird physiology. A pair of binoculars is helpful, maybe a small pad of paper and pen to jot down notes or sketch a bird for later identification. A bird field guide is high on the list, too.

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**On the Cover:** A male bufflehead duck was recently spotted on his migratory path on Buzzards Bay. Birder Justin Barrett of Marion educated a Zoom audience on winter season migratory birds in a February 10 event sponsored by the Marion Natural History Museum. Barrett discussed birding as an effortful activity not to be confused with birdwatching. See story. Photo courtesy Moe Molander

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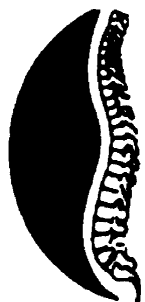
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Barrett suggests joining a bird club, which may further enhance the birding experience, especially if the club is tolerant of newcomers. The Nasketucket Bird Club, established in 2006 under the auspices of the Mattapoisett Land Trust, is now a standalone organization. He said the group as a whole is knowledgeable and welcoming to novice birders. Their motto is, "We're not just bird-friendly, we're friendly birders." Barrett said the club takes about two walks each month year-round, staying fairly local. When COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, the club will resume its monthly meetings at the Mattapoisett Library. In the meantime, the group is continuing to meet outdoors.

Back to the migrating ducks now frequenting the area, Barrett said they would continue their journey north by April and remain in those cooler climes until October, when many will return to our part of the world.

In the spring, we'll see the return of many migratory species. These returning winged animals will be primarily those that seek woodlands and mixed habitats. And let's not forget the annual Great Backyard Bird Count.

This global, annual bird count, first established by Cornell University's ornithology department, is a chance for people from around the globe to count the birds in their area and have that data included in a master database. It allows the average person to sprout their citizen-scientist wings (pun intended). The three-day event occurs every February and only requires participants to spend 15 minutes each day documenting the birds they find. Barrett said that in February 2019, people from 194 countries recorded seeing 7,000 species, a total of 27 million birds. To learn more about this annual event, go to [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org). He said this yearly count was critical in gathering data that tracks where birds are, their numbers, and migratory trends.



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Being mindful of the children participating in the online presentation, Barrett had them look at bird photographs and describe what they saw, such as beak and tail lengths, size of and shape of breast, and color patterns. He also asked the children to notice where the birds were spotted, either in the sky, a tree canopy, or on the ground. He said that such information helps to identify the bird. The children were very comfortable sharing their comments during the virtual event, with one invested youngster saying, "Do you know there are Peregrine Falcons [that] go to Cape Cod?" Listen to the children; they know stuff.

One final note on the hobby of birding, you might be interested to learn that it began in the 1800s in Britain and soon swept across the ocean, landing in the northeast (pun not intended). Two of the 15 most popular places to do birding are Arcadia National Park in Maine and Cape May, New Jersey. Just a short trek away, relatively speaking.

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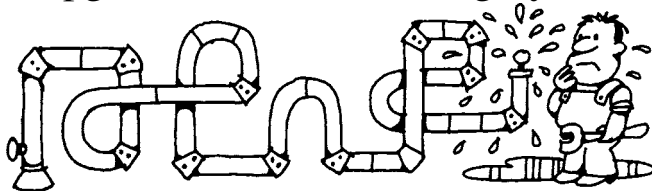
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## Valentine's Day Made Special for Seniors

**By Mick Colageo**

For all the hardship that dominates the news as businesses struggle to stay afloat, first responders take necessary risks, and administrators and faculty strive to maintain a stellar record at thwarting coronavirus transmission in the local schools, there is one group for whom winter cannot end soon enough, and that's the seniors.

Marion's aged enjoy getting out and getting with their friends. It's a vital difference-maker in their lives, especially in winter. So, when the Council on Aging announced its Valentine's Day drive-thru luncheon for February 13, the seniors put it all in perspective with an overwhelming response.

"We had 100 inside last year, and it was the last busy day before COVID struck. So, when we put this in the newsletter that they were doing another party this year, we sent out the newsletters on Monday. Tuesday morning, the phone started ringing because people remembered the party from last year and how nice it was and how much fun they had," said COA Program Coordinator Linda Jackvony.

Saturday's cavalcade was only the latest among several lines of vehicles that have become a frequent occurrence these past few months at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center. The town's drive-thru flu-shot clinic functioned as a dry run for the first responder COVID-19 vaccination clinics that followed, the retirement sendoff for former Chief of Police John Garcia, and most recently a COVID-19 vaccination clinic aimed toward Marion's aged population.

The Community Center has been a beacon of volunteerism, and Saturday's small group of helpers was outside by the little shed like so many others of late.

The February 13 event was initially scheduled for February 14, but the COA didn't want to defy a weather forecast calling for snow. Even with the date adjustment, Saturday's cavalcade showed up 100 strong, and it

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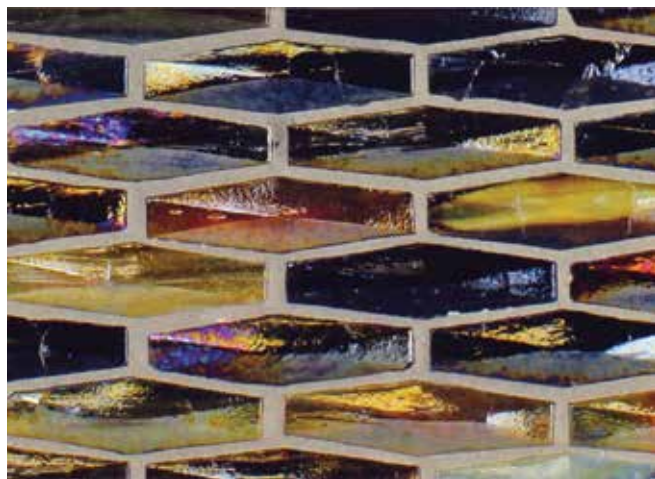


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"We opened a small business, a Christian-based business in the town, and just felt that we should give back," said Crosby. "I can't wait 'til this COVID stuff is lifted; we can get a deejay in here and get these people up and dancing and having a really good time. Last year they did karaoke, and it was fun."

The drive-thru event would not be able to compete with last year's that had raffles and dancing to music provided by a live disc jockey, but the 2021 version of the event was embraced, nonetheless.

"I just think it's such a nice thing that he does for the community," said Jackvony. "They're very excited, it's something for them to look forward to."

The majority of seniors engaging in COA programs range from age 75 to 80. "Some are older, but these are all people who used to come to the center on a regular basis," said Jackvony, noting that the COA would have had 25 people in the building for Wednesday's Memory Cafe. The COA also holds grab-and-go lunches for anywhere between 25 and 40 people on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The hope is that 2021 will eventually be different, and the seniors can get back to devoting three hours on Wednesdays for a program including lunch, exercise, and entertainment followed by dessert and coffee. Programs like these that bring activity stimulating the bodies and minds of those afflicted with Alzheimer's or dementia even buoy the younger helpers who can use the camaraderie.

"It's not only good for the patients," said Jackvony, "but good for the caregivers, too."

### **A Pond Called Carolyn** **By George B. Emmons**

Carolyn Longworth of Fairhaven is a retired director from the Millicent Library after some 25 years of dedicated service. After she retired, she was asked by



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the town's selectboard to come to a meeting to review her distinguished record of achievement. She was very pleased when they read a proclamation of her

diligence in working with various organizations in the SAILS Library network.

Carolyn was even more surprised and pleased at the end of the meeting when they talked about her avid birdwatching hobby at a pond nearby that was her favorite birding spot adjacent to the hurricane barrier near Egypt Lane. Then she was even more amazed when they announced that, in her honor, the pond would be named "Carolyn's Pond." One of her fellow birders had suggested the name dedication to show Fairhaven's appreciation of her service. She now says she cried when this award was presented because she felt it was the best thing that ever happened to her.

The pond itself had been restored by the Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife Service from being a disposal area. Carolyn found it to be a very therapeutic and relaxing retreat to visit before work, during lunch, and after work. She was especially interested in her favorite bird, the Pie-billed Grebe (shown raising a family there in my illustration), because it was also listed as an endangered species.

The Pie-billed Grebe was also the subject of my wildlife column in the October 2019 issue of *The Wanderer*. A Great White Heron also showed up with two mystical mute swans that brought many visiting birders to Fairhaven. Carolyn herself had written about the migratory grebe that winters as far south as Panama, returning in spring to this same restored habitat of its own choosing and preference. It is also found as far north as Walden Pond in Concord, the home of Henry David



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Thoreau.

Thoreau was famous for building small cabins on its shore to lead a very quiet life exclusively alone to preserve the pond's nature and to isolate himself from the trials and tribulations of other people.

Like the owner of the pond, Ralph Waldo Emerson became a transcendentalist, a popular mentality of its day, thinking that people are at their best when they are truly solitary, self-reliant, and entirely independent. They wanted to believe that human beings could find their own spirituality in religion, finding and observing and living in the natural world. Thoreau, for instance, thought that the call of the loon on his pond was the most unearthly sound he had ever heard, just one of his interpretations of natural calls across the water that reverberated, echoed, and reflected images of heaven and earth on the horizon, as time went by.

May this article and illustration for you, the reader, help us to understand why Carolyn was able to find inspiration and peace of mind at the pond that would bear her name after a career that truly benefited the Millicent Public Library System of higher education.

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Selectmen on February 16, he reminded all that the FY22 budget will be "the new guy's budget." Denham had previously announced his retirement when he came before the Finance Committee earlier this month, and, as he had with that committee, he suggested staffing changes.

Denham said that on the heels of his retirement, the new surveyor would benefit from having an in-field foreman to assist with the numerous large and small-scale projects facing the department. He also said that the current foreman should be moved up to director of operations and a part-time administrative assistant to full-time hours.

Selectman John DeCosta offered that the new

highway surveyor should be given the opportunity to make staffing decisions after he or she has had the chance to evaluate the department.

Selectman Jordan Collyer framed his response to Denham's suggestions this way. "One ask is okay, two maybe, but three is a bit much." He pointed out that any staffing changes would require either opening a previously negotiated union contract or beginning negotiations sooner than October. So while some of what Denham was proposing might be worth review, Collyer said, "Our hands are tied."

Collyer then took the discussion in a more expansive direction. "We need to look at the bigger picture and long term. I'm on board with an elected surveyor, but should we bring in a full-time engineer who could assist with water, sewer, and highway?" He said the town is now paying for outside engineering services, encompassing everything from buildings to roads to bidding contracts. "We are paying through the nose. We could be doing it ourselves." Selectmen Paul Silva and DeCosta agreed. Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo was asked to do a cost-benefit analysis for the three departments.

The selectmen also took a moment to recognize Denham and his many contributions over the 15 years he has been the highway surveyor. DeCosta said, "Barry and I go way back; I worked for him when I was in high school. Thank you for your service to the town and the country." Collyer said, "You and I have had our share of disagreements, but you've done a phenomenal job, made it your own, been accountable, taken ownership, you've accomplished a lot."

The Highway Department proposed FY22 budget total is \$765,250.

Earlier in the evening, the board met with Water and Sewer Superintendent Henri Renaud. As he had recently with the Finance Committee, Renaud said that the budget was level-funded except for contractual employment raises. He also said that given the number of new homes requiring meters, he had added a new line item for this expense, beginning with \$15,000. The cost of the meters will be recouped from usage revenues, he

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explained, but the initial outlay was needed.

Renauld was asked about expenses that eventually are received through revenue but cannot be easily seen on an accounting spreadsheet. Silva asked why a credit couldn't be noted. Lorenzo said he was looking into how those numbers could be expressed but that currently, "This is how the water district works." Silva said, "We have to make sure we are getting the money back." The proposed FY22 budget for the Water Department is \$1,559,960, a 0.18-percent increase, and the Sewer Department \$826,336, a 0.2-percent increase.

The selectmen also discussed the need to look at constructing a new building, a home for the Water and Sewer Departments. Renauld may have been having a



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bit of déjà vu since the Finance Committee addressed the topic a few days earlier. Renauld said he would be securing financing for study and conceptual designs for town-owned properties. DeCosta asked for a debt retirement schedule for the next 10 years as part of a package of financial data needed for such a large-scale project.

Rounding out their discussions, Lorencio reported that the Plymouth County Retirement Association had increased the town's share by \$132,000. Silva commented that was likely due to poor earnings of the trust. Collyer said he'd like to know what the town is paying currently in fees and would also like to look at other funds such as Plymouth County OPEB Trust. The town currently has an estimated \$9 million in other post-employment benefits (OPEB). "More than just about any other town," Lorencio said.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, at 6:30 pm.

## **BOS Laments Vaccine Accessibility**

*Rochester Board of Selectmen*

**By Jean Perry**

Members of the Rochester Board of Selectmen on February 16 expressed disappointment and frustration over the commonwealth's dissemination of seemingly constantly changing COVID-19 information and the lack of vaccine availability to municipalities.

Selectboard Chairman Paul Ciaburri said the Emergency Management's COVID-19 team has had to return to a weekly meeting schedule because, he said, "Things change on a daily basis — sometimes twice a day. It's maddening, and it's so hard to plan anything with this."

Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar added that vaccine access for municipalities has become more restricted, prompting Ciaburri to refer to the pharmaceutical company Johnson & Johnson's hopefully soon-to-be-approved vaccine that would be more widely available because it does not require the ultra-cold conditions other brands of COVID-19 vaccine require during transport and storage.

"Hopefully, we could possibly get our allotment," said Ciaburri. "If that's the case, then we would probably wind up doing it (in Rochester) like a flu-vaccine clinic, depending on how many doses we get at one time."

Ciaburri lamented the many weeks the town spent devising a COVID-19 vaccine-distribution plan, even carrying out dry runs on how fast workers could inoculate vaccine recipients using a drive-through method.

"We were ready, but everything just [fell through]," said Ciaburri.

Selectman Greenwood "Woody" Hartley said the Council on Aging already realized that Rochester seniors would not be receiving their COVID-19 vaccine in Rochester any time soon. He said the COA had received over a hundred calls from seniors looking for information on when and how they might get vaccinated.

"When it became clear over the weekend ... that we had actually missed the window ... and now it was too late because there were no more vaccines," Hartley said, those working at the COA started to plan for how they could get their seniors aged 75 and up vaccinated as soon as possible.

Hartley said the COA would begin calling eligible seniors to ask them if they would be willing to travel to Gillette Stadium, one of the commonwealth's mass-vaccination sites. If so, the Rochester COA would provide the transportation and help set up their vaccine appointment.

"And we will get as many of them that want to get inoculated as fast as we can," Hartley said. "We have one going tomorrow."

Ciaburri is relying on that Johnson & Johnson vaccine, saying that once Rochester gets an allotment, "We will be giving that out. We will be doing it."

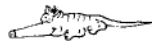
"That's fine," said Hartley, adding that it likely won't be approved for some time, and then it takes weeks to get it to their intended destinations.

Ciaburri said he recalled that the state had promised to get vaccines out to places like Rochester, which then responded by preparing to efficiently handle the vaccinations.

"We did all this work, and they basically told us

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no, which is discouraging,” said Ciaburri.

In other business, SEMASS’s PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) disbursements to the town have recently decreased significantly in size, with its most recent payment for January 2021, \$262,943, about \$95,000 less than the January 2020 payment.

Szyndlar reported that a major plant outage in January is to blame for the PILOT decrease, adding, “But the trend overall in our receipts for [Fiscal Year 2021] have been lower.” One reason, Szyndlar said, was the drought condition last year that she said “makes trash weigh less,” affecting profits. Also, a recent major construction project at the Cranberry Highway waste-to-energy plant impacted production at the plant from having to

shut down operations during that timeframe. When she compared FY20 to this point in FY21, Szyndlar said Rochester so far has seen \$319,000 less in PILOT revenue from SEMASS.

“It’s a considerable amount of money,” Szyndlar said, adding that the decrease will affect the town’s free cash account.

Selectman Brad Morse said that back in January he spoke with representatives from SEMASS, and they are well aware of Rochester’s concerns. Still, another operations shutdown is scheduled for March, said Morse, to install upgrades that will help the plant run more efficiently.

“But we do have an open dialog,” Morse reassured.

In other money-related matters, Szyndlar reported that she had received a notice from Bristol County Agricultural High School informing the town that Rochester and other non-resident towns would soon be issued a debt assessment in addition to their annual non-resident tuition for their students.

According to Szyndlar, Bristol Aggie is imposing a per-student debt assessment cost of anywhere between \$5,200-\$6,000 to fund a significant project at the school. Rochester currently has 13 students that attend Bristol Aggie, which Szyndlar said means an additional budget strain of \$68,000-\$78,000.

Szyndlar said she met with Bristol Aggie representatives to ask why non-resident communities must be “on the hook,” given that the school is in another county “and we are not a member town.” This added cost will create a severe impact on Rochester’s budget “for many years to come,” Szyndlar said, for the entire life of the loan, she told the board. She suggested the town seek assistance from State Representative Bill Straus, who Morse commented once helped Rochester deal with transportation funding issues regarding Bristol Aggie.

Szyndlar also plans to reach out to other non-resident towns with students at Bristol Aggie for their input.

“This could be very detrimental,” said Ciaburri. Also during the meeting, the board adopted a



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The board also adopted an updated surplus-property policy to include instructions on how department heads should report surplus property to the chief procurement officer, Szyndlar, via a new sign-off sheet.

Hartley reported that Rochester did not receive the grant it was counting on to construct a patio at the Senior Center, but suggested he would work with others to apply for a SRPEDD grant that could potentially provide funding for an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible walking path around the center of town.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen will be held on Monday, March 1, at 6:00 pm.

## Water and Sewer Retained Earnings Discussed

*Mattapoisett Finance Committee*

**By Marilou Newell**

Before beginning his FY22 budget proposal presentation during the February 11 meeting of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee, Mattapoisett Water and Sewer Superintendent Henri Renauld responded to a question from Chairman Pat Donoghue about rate increases. "Every year you come before us with expenses

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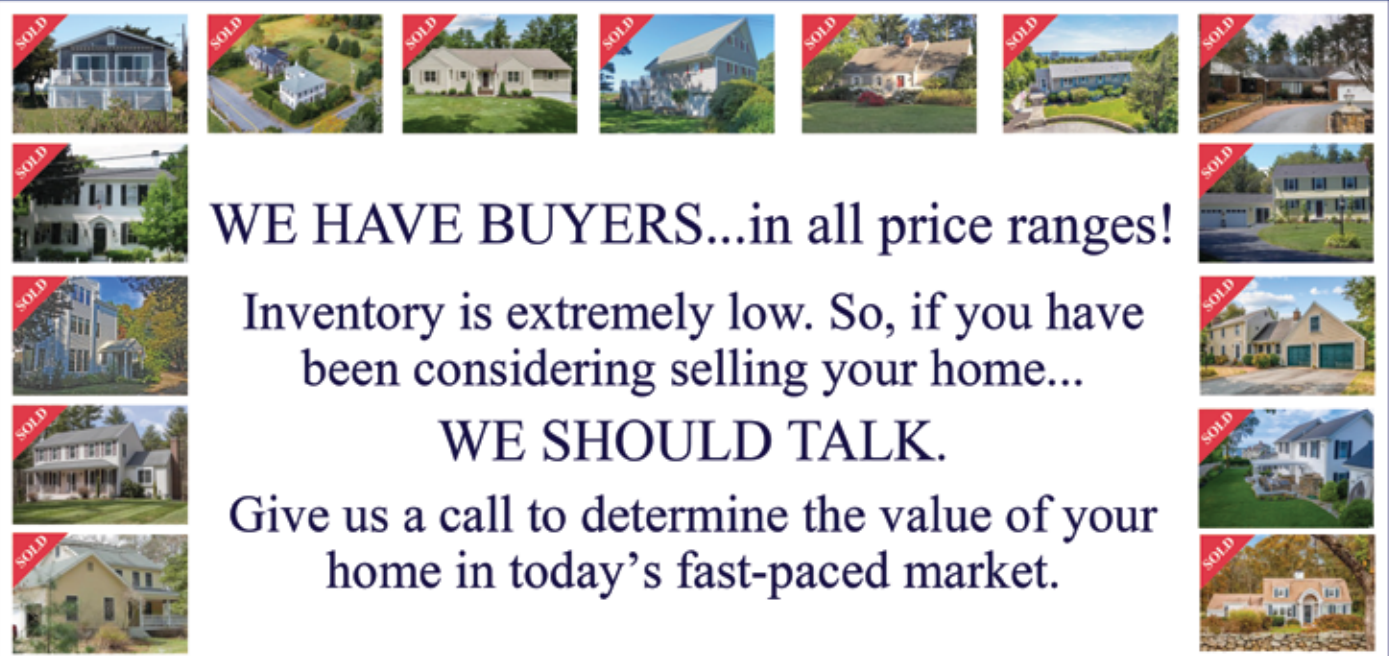
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around 2 percent, then suddenly there are rate increases. How do we look at revenue versus expenses?" asked Donoghue.

Renauld explained that "A few projects came in over budget," such as the Pease Point water and sewer project that he said was over by approximately \$220,000. He noted that the overage had to come out of retained earnings, leaving that fund at a low of only \$51,000. He said it became necessary to look at rates to bring in more revenue. When asked, Renauld said that presently retained earnings for the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds stand at \$327,000 and \$317,000, respectively.

"So, Pease cost more, do you come back to Town Meeting for more?" Donoghue asked. Renauld requested \$200,000. "A grant covered 25 percent of the original bid, but the Coastal Zone Management grant couldn't cover the difference," he explained. "We will recoup the cost of the project with betterments." In a follow-up, Renauld said the betterment fees were under review.

When Donoghue asked if water rates had been increased to pay for the project, Renauld said the town's rate is 25 percent under the current rate as reported by engineering consultant Tata & Howard.

Renauld also told the members that a \$3 million expense, Mattapoisett's portion of a plant upgrade to lower nitrogen levels at the Fairhaven plant, was coming. The total estimated costs of the project stand at \$23 million.

On the theme of large-ticket items on the Capital Planning spreadsheet, Renauld said the sewer pipe that crosses the Eel Pond breach would cost approximately \$3 million and that the town's portion, should another Coastal Zone Management grant come through, would be about \$750,000. Another sewer line project in the Hollywood Beach neighborhood would have to be pushed out to 2024, he said.

Renauld also talked about the need to evaluate the Water and Sewer Departments' offices and equipment storage. He said that currently, the two operations are spread out over the town at various sites, some with rental agreements amounting to approximately \$3,800 per month. He said the town owns more than one property that might be appropriate for building a combined facility and that he wanted to spend about \$30,000 on conceptual plans to "get a whole new building." He said the small lot on Church Street currently used by the Water Department could be sold to offset new construction. Donoghue asked, "What about maintaining a new building?" Renauld said that would all be part of the study.

The proposed FY22 budget for the Water Department is \$1,559,960, a 0.18 percent increase, and the Sewer Department is at \$826,336, a 0.2 percent increase.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, at 4:00 pm.

## Residential Density Limits Heading Down

*Marion Planning Board*

**By Mick Colageo**

Two important matters were addressed on February 16 by the Marion Planning Board, and neither was a public hearing, but in order to get an article reducing the allowable density in the Multi-Family District from 12 units per acre to six, there will be a minimum of two public hearings.

The matter was discussed after the Bylaw Codification Committee worked on a potential draft warrant article intended to enact a change. It won't be that simple on paper once the Planning Board tweaks and arrives at a bylaw it thinks can serve Marion for years to



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The Bylaw Codification Committee is working with SRPEDD on an alternative bylaw to thoughtfully preserve open space and allow density bonuses that accomplish particular objectives such as preservation of historic buildings or senior housing or low-to-moderate-income housing.

"What we're really trying to do is create a master density with bonuses.... It's a really challenging question," said Planning Board Chairman Will Saltonstall. "I don't think we want to make it too restrictive, but 12 units (per acre) is very dense and, if we don't do it the right way, it can really strangle the Marion landscape."

An updated bylaw would take into account the nature of the development, required parking, and required stormwater treatment.

According to Saltonstall, Marion does not have any undeveloped multi-family lots at the present time. In order to receive the designation and apply the change, one has to come before Town Meeting and apply to have the zoning change made, Saltonstall explained.

As for developer Sherman Briggs' property off of Spring Street, the Planning Board has received a proposal and will soon begin evaluating, "but these proposed changes would not apply as that application has already been made," said Saltonstall.

Another exception is 40B (affordable) housing. The proposal currently on the table is subject to state

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regulations that would presumably allow significantly higher density than what the Planning Board is looking to bring to Town Meeting for voter approval.

Member Norm Hills, the chair of the Bylaw Codification Committee, said, "The only real change, technical change, is from 12 to six dwellings (per acre)." The rest of the changes in the bylaw are to meant to clarify what Saltonstall said had been "really confusing."

Planning Board members, along with Selectman John Waterman and Open Space Acquisition Commission Chairman John Rockwell, pointed to various examples in Marion for density comparisons. Waterman pointed out that the Herring Cove, the proposed 40B development on Route 6, plans 120 units on 17 acres. That translates to

approximately seven units per acre. Saltonstall noted that with 25.7 acres covered by Herring Cove, there are "things that affect this calculation, uplands, wetlands.... This is definitely driving part of this discussion."

Town Planner Gil Hilario reminded the meeting that Marion is very small, so any project can make a larger impact.

Randy Parker joined the meeting, and with Waterman already on and Hills being a Planning Board member, the entire Board of Selectmen attended the discussion.

Hills said a whole package of bylaw changes would necessarily be brought to the Planning Board. Saltonstall said there is a placeholder on the Town Meeting warrant for the article. "I'd like to see us advance the issue," he said.

Member Andrew Daniel motioned that the Planning Board proceed with the bylaw change from 12 to six units per acre. Chris Collings seconded, and the members all voted their approval. Saltonstall said the board would discuss it further, but the board's intention has been established.

Hilario said it would take two public hearings before it can go to the selectmen for their approval on the Town Meeting warrant.

The Planning Board is beginning a process of amassing a new list of potential consulting engineering firms. The board had last done so in 2015.

Hills said the 2015 list of 20 potential firms was whittled down to 12 that received requests for proposal (RFP) and only got four responses. The evaluation, said Hills, found all four firms to be acceptable, and the board sent them a letter indicating they would be used on a rotating basis. "Somehow, we got out of the rotation recently, I'm not sure how," said Hills.

The merits of rotation were debated, as Daniel argued it can be dysfunctional to avoid familiar firms that regularly appear before the Planning Board to represent applicants in cases heard by the board. Collings suggested that requirement might necessitate paying out higher fees and expanding the search out of the local area.

Saltonstall estimated that an applicant pays a

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"We choose only the appropriate responses. If an engineering firm is too high, too expensive, we're not going to choose them," said Hilario.

Member Eileen Marum argued that the board should hire the best engineering firm it can. "The cheapest can lead to costly mistakes. We need a firm that's proactive and responsive and answers our questions in a clear and consistent matter," she said.

Saltonstall suggested that the board make sure those firms that might be interested be on the RFP list. Daniel pointed out that Schneider, Davignon, and Leone Inc. is not on the former list.

Hilario asked the members to look at the list. "We did our best to get the most prominent local firms," he said.

Hills said the policy of avoiding familiar firms has had no negative repercussions to this point. He added the suggestion that the board set a limit on how often the process is rebooted, and the board voted to update the list every two years.

The continued public hearing for Tabor Academy's proposed Campus Center on the site of the present Hayden Library at 85 Spring Street was again continued to March 1 at 7:30 pm. "We found out that we need a special permit for parking, so it makes sense to do it together on March 1 rather than separate it," explained Hilario.

Joe Rocha corrected a statement he had made in the last Planning Board meeting, clarifying that the sale of gas-powered vehicles is scheduled to cease in 2035.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, March 1, at 7:00 pm.

### **Solar Project Deals with Bad Surprise**

*Rochester Conservation Commission*

**By Matthew Donato**

The Old Middleboro Road Solar array project came up for discussion in the Rochester Conservation Commission meeting held on February 16. Though the project has already entered the construction phase,

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development has come to a halt after issues relating to the ancient way bordering the site were raised.

Austin Turner, representing the project, explained that due to faulty survey data of the area, a previously plotted ancient way noted in the plans had been drastically misrepresented. Turner explained that where it was previously believed that the ancient way would fork and travel around the site, the reality is that the ancient way runs directly into the proposed area of work.

Under the provisions of the project filing, the applicants for the solar project are required to ensure that the ancient way is maintained and is upheld as one continuous path from start to finish. As such, Turner now faces a major dilemma in project development,

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as construction cannot be completed according to the Order of Conditions without satisfying the Ancient Path requirements.

The position of the path also makes relocation within the limit of work even more challenging. A stormwater basin, also a requirement for the construction of the solar array, sits in direct conflict with the simplest route for reconnection of the ancient way. This means that Turner will need to snake the path around the basin in order to reconnect it.

Turner admitted that he had limited time to arrive at a solution for the problem but advocated for a selective amount of vegetative clearing outside of the proposed limit of work to redirect the ancient way around the site.

Conservation Commission Chairman Michael Conway explained that conducting work outside of the predetermined boundary would likely require an amendment to the Notice of Intent or a complete refiling for the project.

Turner told commission members that he would work to create a new proposal that would be more agreeable to their requirements and limit or completely eliminate any work outside of the project's boundaries. Once they receive an updated proposal, commission members agreed to visit the site to gain a more detailed understating of the issue.

Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering joined the meeting to provide updates on an Enforcement Order

issued to Makepeace regarding complaints issued by the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Madden provided commission members with an overview of the Morse Swamp Reservoir, which has come under review due to dredging activities and soil displacement in the area. The roughly 30-acre reservoir is the primary water source that feeds into the Makepeace cranberry bogs located nearby.

According to Madden, constantly fluctuating water levels in the area made it difficult to accurately determine the scope of the reservoir. He explained that the area in winter looks significantly different than in spring or summer.

Conservation Commission Member Kevin Thompson expressed the importance of accurately determining the limits of the reservoir and surrounding wetlands areas, as a misrepresentation could lead to the destruction of protected resource areas if they are not accurately identified. Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon echoed Thompson's sentiment and recommended that commission members make a site visit to the area to further understand any work that might be proposed in a future Notice of Intent filing.

The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled to be conducted via Zoom on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:00 pm.

## Small Frontage Poses Big Problem

*Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Mick Colageo**

Walter Hartley had a hard time convincing the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals that it is safe to build a house on 15 acres of property with only 16 feet, 8 inches of frontage during the board's February 11 meeting. Nonetheless, Case No. 1160 was continued with plans for a site visit last weekend.

Katherine Hartley of 16 Walnut Plain Road applied for two variances for the property at 0 Pine Street to construct a single-family dwelling on the lot with frontage less than the required 225 feet and to build the house in a rectangle plan.

Since 1937, the property came into and went out of the Hartley family before Katherine Hartley bought 15 acres at 0 Pine Street in April of 2019. During prior Hartley ownership, a backside portion of the land was donated in 1955 by the family and is now Sherman Cemetery.

The property, which includes 6 acres of bog, is currently used for agricultural purposes; the applicant seeks to use it for agricultural and residential purposes, including one single-family home at less than 1,800 square feet.

Walter Hartley, the owner of the property, represented the applicant and presented the case.

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Hartley said the plan is “well within the objectives of the Town of Rochester in helping to support agricultural entities and supporting farmers. He said the bog, historically used to grow cranberries, was used to grow hemp last year. He plans to grow in 2021 but had not decided on the crop at the time of the hearing.

ZBA member Richard Cutler asked if the bog on the property is typically wet. Hartley described it as an “upland bog, all upland” from which gravel was removed. “It wasn’t built out of or in a wetland,” he said.

Hartley told the ZBA he can draw a line but cannot draw the 50-foot line to satisfy the zoning bylaw’s rectangle standard. Hartley said the property would continue to use the existing driveway. “Nothing will change as far as from the street.”

ZBA Chairman David Arancio said he owns a non-conforming lot with frontage of just over 30 feet and was approved for a variance. “It’s narrow. I have 30 (feet), and this is going to be just a smidge over half (of that length). Public safety is definitely an issue,” he said, acknowledging the right to farm. “No objection to that.”

ZBA member Jeffrey Costa said, “I’m kind of torn on this one,” citing a struggle of the application “to meet the three criteria” that the board requires in order to grant the requested variances.

An abutter in favor of Katherine Hartley’s application suggested that a home and resultant activity on the property would eliminate vandalism, whereas if it were not approved, the land could theoretically be sold, and a new owner could subdivide it or create a solar farm.

David Menard, Gary Mills, and Brian Sherman, three abutters, signed the same letter in support of the application, but two other abutters, Jeffrey Ponte of 45 Pine Street and Jason Eddleston of 59 Pine Street, expressed concerns.

“It’s not even 10 percent of the required frontage,” said Ponte. “I’ve been here 30 years and a lot of traffic, several times [drivers] have no regard. They go as fast as they can, go as fast as possible, pick up as much dust as they can.”

Ponte told the board he witnessed a box truck hit



his rock wall, displacing two rocks. He said he notified the police.

“What I don’t see here is any hardship. I have no problem with the bog.... Where is the actual hardship here?” Ponte asked. “It’s ridiculous. The state limit is supposed to be about 50 feet.... I am against this proposal unless the board can present [a legitimate hardship case].”

Arancio told Ponte that it is “100 percent on the applicant to go ahead and state that hardship.”

“It sounds more like convenience,” said Ponte.

Hartley said, “There is an extraordinary amount of acreage with limited frontage. That’s what the hardship is.” Hartley insisted the property has “adequate access, as wide as any other driveways.” He described the driveway as a 12-foot-wide gravel way that happens to fall within a 16-foot piece of property. “If it was 225 feet, it would be the same.”

Ponte said he has seen vehicles back up into Hartley’s property and have a hard time passing, and on October 11, his wall was hit as a result. “Nobody said a thing about it,” he said.

“I can’t speak to previous years and what other people did,” said Hartley. “We’re not talking about (adding) vehicles for agricultural purposes. This is for the residential vehicles.” Hartley further stated that, had he known about the incident with Ponte’s property, “I would have had an excavator there the next day to fix it.”

Eddleston said he has three young sons who



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like to play outside and that the traffic that “goes up and down that dirt road is not really slow. They’re young, they’re going to play, they’re going to wander, that worries me.” He further stated that, before Hartley bought back the property, he had a run-in with previous owners after trucks cut his corner of the property and that one of his trees was cut down without notice.

Beyond abutters, there was strong opposition from the Planning Board, having cited the 225 feet of frontage required and stating in a letter recommendation the ZBA not grant the variances because the existing frontage will not allow for safe access. Furthermore, the Planning Board said there is no mechanism in Rochester’s bylaws that would allow for it. Town Planner Steve Starrett and Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson recommended against granting the variance on the basis that a favorable ruling would lead to “many bad requests” to the ZBA.

“We are very concerned about the fact that this would get a lot of people coming to the ZBA to develop land that may not have 15 acres back there and would be a hazard to the town,” said Johnson.

The case was continued to Thursday, February 25. The planned site visit had not been arranged before the February 11 session ended; it was not to be a public meeting because there would be no quorum with just two members attending and no additional notification to abutters.

In other business, an amended Special Permit issued initially in 2011 for converting a repair bay to offices with an addition at 92 Pine Street was withdrawn by applicant ILC Development, LLC without prejudice. The proposed project needs Planning Board approval before ZBA approval, so applicant Robert Ferreira told the board in his February 11 request that he intends to reapply at the appropriate time.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, at 7:00 pm.

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## As Vaccinations Begin, Uncertainty Remains High

*Mattapoisett Board of Health*

**By Marilou Newell**

On February 10, the Mattapoisett Board of Health received the good news that COVID-19 vaccines had been distributed to the first group of 100 residents lucky enough to have their application drawn from the first pool.

Public Health Nurse Emily Field and soon-to-be-retired Public Health Nurse Amanda Stone reported that the town had received its first batch of 100 vaccines and that inoculations had gone smoothly. But as they

spoke to the lottery system employed to select residents age 75 and over and/or healthcare workers employed in Mattapoisett, they were also cautiously optimistic about the state's distribution system.

"We are awaiting news ... vaccine will trickle in," Field said.

Of those who were selected for the first clinic, Field said people were receptive to information about the virus and the vaccine itself. She also said that those receiving their first vaccine would be guaranteed the necessary second dose. But when another group of 100 may receive their first dose was anyone's guess. Field said that large shipments were going to the state-run clinics and that, since receiving the initial shipment, a second



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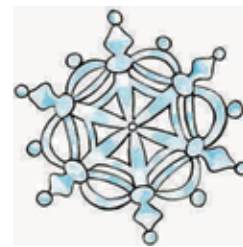
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shipment had not come through to Mattapoisett. "We used all 100 doses but got nothing this week," she told the board.

Field said that registration for future first doses could continue to take place and explained the process. She said people could fill out a paper form or go to the town's website, Mattapoisett.net. Those completed medical forms are then placed in a box located in the police station lobby. Each Wednesday at 2:00 pm and with an impartial witness on hand, 100 forms are selected from the pool. Those not selected from the pool become part of a second drawing until all registration forms from the first pool have been selected. Subsequent pools will follow the same protocol, it was explained. The pools are not



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combined.

When asked how many registrations had been received in the first pool, Stone responded, "When we have a breathing moment, we'll tally them up. It wasn't an overwhelming number." Stone also shared the delicate manner in which the vaccine must be handled. In order to ensure there was sufficient medication for all invited to the first clinic, several doses had to be kept in reserve. She explained that a dropped vial could not be used and that, unlike other viral serums, these new medications cannot be shaken. She said that after the first clinic, the few remaining doses were offered to other members of the first pool.

Stone also explained that some first-pool applicants were turned away due to unforeseen circumstances such as having a surgical procedure scheduled too closely to receiving an inoculation. "Screening was important to make sure people were eligible," she said.

When asked if she had received the vaccine, Stone stated that she didn't believe she was vulnerable, that given her age and general health, ability to maintain 6 feet of distance, and wear a mask, her risk assessment was very low. Board member Ken Dawicki wondered if Stone would have to be quarantined if her work put her in the path of the virus. "I would not be considered a close contact," Stone responded, adding that no one is immune. She said that her physical presence is not necessary and that "I can be working from home."

Managing the flow of vaccine once received by the community health department is key, the nurses said, making sure a second dose is available is critical and would supersede the distribution of a first dose to the second pool. And the timing is tight. Every Monday, communities receive a survey from the state health department. "By Saturday, we are advised how many we'll receive," Field said. Stone said the state-run clinics were receiving the majority of available vaccines.

That comment elicited a strong response from BOH member Russell Bailey who exclaimed, "That's just Big Brother saying shut-up and take what you get.... If we get 100 shots every two weeks, we'll be vaccinating people

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Stone said that more sites like local pharmacies and medical groups will begin to open up but that currently, "It's not an easy process." She said that if someone in the community secures an appointment at an out-of-town location, the Council on Aging will provide transportation.

In other business, draft changes to the sanity standards were discussed. Most significant was a change that would now require new construction to have basements below established and certified groundwater levels.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Board of Health is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, at 10:00 am.

### **Updated Floats Garner Favor**

*Marion Conservation Commission*

**By Mick Colageo**

Marion Conservation Commission member Jeff Doubrava recused himself from his commission role for his February 10 public hearing as an applicant in a Notice of Intent to improve access from 47 East Avenue to the waters of Planting Island Cove, Sippican Harbor, and Buzzards Bay for recreational boating, fishing, and swimming by removing the longstanding, bottom-anchored chain system with a plan to replace with a pile-held anchoring system.

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The chain system tends to scour the bottom and mess with eelgrass and shellfish habitat, according to Conservation Commission Chairperson Shaun Walsh.

Representing Doubrava, Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon, & Leone told ConCom that all feedback from the state Division of Marine Fisheries has been positive and that the Army Corp of Engineers has signed off on the project. The National Heritage and Endangered Species Program also communicated approval, according to Davignon.

Walsh asked for an explanation about the proposed float expansion that will require a Chapter 91 license due to the expansion on the seaward end of the piles. Doubrava confirmed that the 3-foot expansion to the existing float is intended to make it easier for boats to load and unload passengers.

"It's an environmental improvement to that area, so it's a good project," said Walsh, who called Davignon's presentation a great overview of the project.

Four piles instead of two will make it possible to chain the piles together, allowing the owner to hoist the float up to the level of the pier to offseason storage, eliminating the need for a boatyard to haul away the float.

The public hearing was continued until February 24.

As an abutter, Doubrava recused himself from the case of John A. & Carole F. Whittemore, 51 East Avenue, in their Notice of Intent to improve access to the waters of Planting Island Cove, Sippican Harbor, and Buzzards Bay for recreational boating, fishing, and swimming by removing the existing bottom-anchored chain system and replace it with a pile-held anchoring system.

Representing the Whittemores as well, Davignon said the project was filed at the same time and is on the same path as Doubrava's project of the same nature with all the same endorsements. Calling it a "no-brainer," Walsh only asked Davignon if the chains would be permanently removed after the completion of both projects. Davignon confirmed that to be the plan.

The public hearing was continued until February 24.

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Blankenship Trust, LLC filed a Notice of Intent to construct an in-ground swimming pool, perimeter patio, and retaining wall with clearing, filling, and grading at 468 Point Road ended with ConCom issuing a special Order of Conditions, green-lighting the project.

In a continued case, ConCom voted to issue the Town of Marion Facilities Department a Negative 3 determination of applicability for its proposed installation of two 100-gallon propane tanks at Pumping Station Road.

In another continued case, ConCom voted to issue Karen Chacon a Negative 2 and 3 determination of applicability, clearing the way for the construction of a ramp on the side of her house at 98 Dexter Road.

The Kittansett Club's repeated continuances for its NOI to expand parking is delayed as the club works with an abutter and the town to potentially modify the plan. According to Walsh, the Planning Board reached out to the engineer, learning that a revised plan is in the works, but Kittansett requested and has been allowed a three-month continuance to May 12.

Arthur Brenner of Alewives Anonymous, Inc. provided Marion with a compact disc containing photographs of his company's cleaning along the Sippican River. Alewives Anonymous, Inc. has been moving fallen trees and other obstructions out of the way of herring that need to swim to their breeding grounds in Snipatuit Pond in Rochester.

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Under correspondence, the commission received a copy of a site plan from Rochester-based Charon (engineering) Associates for a Title V septic upgrade filed by Rivier University (New Hampshire) for property at 9 Pleasant Street.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 pm.

## State Denies Marion's Latest Request for Vaccine

*Marion Board of Health*

**By Jean Perry**

The Town of Marion was unable to acquire another 100 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine for its residents this week after the commonwealth denied the town's request for more doses to continue its effort to vaccinate those over age 75.

Public Health Nurse Lori Desmarais told the Marion Board of Health on February 16 that the town had applied for another week's supply of vaccine but did not receive approval, meaning no vaccine clinics were scheduled for the week.

Last week, 380 doses were given during the town's two largest vaccine clinics so far on February 10-11. First responders received their second doses while first doses were given to those aged 81 and up, as the town prioritized its oldest residents in descending order.

Desmarais said the town applied again this week for more doses to administer next week, but confirmation via email usually does not reach Desmarais until Friday or Saturday.

BOH Chairman Dr. Edward Hoffer commented that resources are constrained and, unfortunately, the state is the one in control of who gets vaccine supplies. He added that he had received an email from Town Administrator Jay McGrail earlier in the day describing how he had been trying to get Marion's state representative to "use whatever influence he has to increase our allocation," according to Hoffer. "It sounds like that is a minimum benefit to minimum avail," Hoffer said.

In other COVID-19 news, Desmarais said Marion currently has 24 active COVID-19 cases, adding to the town's total 358 cases since the start of the pandemic.

"It does appear that the cases are going down," Desmarais said. "We do have 28 so far for the month of February."

Sippican School had five in quarantine just prior to this week. Students and staff are now on winter break until returning to school on Monday, February 22. Tabor Academy COVID-19 routine testing has yielded only negative results so far, and Desmarais said COVID-19 testing would continue throughout the remainder of the school year at Tabor Academy.

In other matters, the board approved the Marion Garden Group's request to hold a summer garden tour beginning on Friday, June 25. The self-guided-by-map tour will feature 10 private Marion gardens, and the group anticipates selling between 250-300 tickets as part of a fundraiser. Hoffer said he doesn't foresee any potential health problems from the event's setup, as long as social distancing is observed and other common pandemic precautions implemented.

"It's nice to have people doing something outdoors and enjoying a little bit of the Marion summer after a long winter," Hoffer said.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health will be held on Tuesday, March 2, at 4:00 pm.

## CPC Pans over Project Requests

*Marion Community Preservation Committee*

**By Mick Colageo**

In an introductory tour of applications that will become the subject of more decisive scrutiny on February 26, the Marion Community Preservation Committee met on February 12 via Zoom to run through 10 Fiscal Year 2022 funding applications.

"The real discussion will be two weeks from now. Bring a lunch; it's likely to be a two-and-a-half, three-hour meeting," CPC Chairman Jeff Doubrava told the members.

With \$456,000 in its account, Doubrava reported that \$473,892 had been requested among 10 projects. The CPC would be able to fund \$334,000. He said two projects had money to be returned: a Habitat for Humanity balance,



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and basement waterproofing at \$65,000 that the Music Hall cannot spend until next year.

"A lot of things funded last year weren't spent due to COVID," said Doubrava.

Cushing Community Park Committee requested \$30,000 to install a paved walking path on the grounds of the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center on Route 6.

The selectmen have allowed work out front where a 1/8-mile walking track will hopefully someday be complemented by a pavilion. The committee is working with the Council on Aging and the Recreation Department, and the COA and Friends of Marion Recreation have donated to the effort.

Discussion ensued regarding the surface. While asphalt is planned, Board of Selectman Chairman Randy Parker suggested pouring concrete where possible. "It's a good project, but I would like to see what concrete would cost," said Parker.

COA Chairman Harry Norweb said the selectmen approved the walking path phase last year. "Marion's older adults will be users of the facility, but we anticipate all ages of the community," he said.

Chris Collings may find \$30,000 in funding to buy more boats, kayaks, and equipment for Marion's community sailing program, but he readily accepted the likelihood that very little of it will come from the CPC.

As first pointed out by Parker, the roadblock is in the basic stipulation that CPC money can only fund

permanent fixtures. That would include a basketball hoop, for instance, but not a bicycle and definitely not boats and kayaks.

"I'm happy Randy was the bad guy because I was going to be the bad guy. Love the idea, but CPC funding cannot be used to buy boats," said Doubrava, calling the answer "a hard no." He asked, "Is there some other way we can fund this? Because it looks like a great idea."

While the town's Recreation Department hires the staff, Collings works as a volunteer in the program. He founded it during a long rehab from a shoulder-replacement surgery.

"This is really my favorite application," said CPC member John Rockwell, calling the bay "our greatest open space." Rockwell asked who would own the boats, noting the absence in the request of the Recreation Department, and said endorsement letters would be needed from the Friends of Marion Recreation. Collings said he could return in two weeks and satisfy some of those questions.

Facilities Director Shaun Cormier has made numerous repairs to the steps at the Main Street entrance of the Town House, but the steps need a complete overhaul. A \$221,000 project would include new entry doors, saving the old granite steps, and using them in the new construction in the same style. The plan is to remove the two side bulkheads that once served the former school building as an entryway to its woodshop. The bulkheads were not part of the original design and have no future



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Food Service staff across the Old Rochester Regional School District got quite a surprise on February 10 when its members received "Unsung Hero" recognitions from the Friends of Jack Foundation. Honored were: Manager Susan Daniel and Tina Tetrault, Old Hammondtown School; Manager Stacey Fernandes and Laurie Souza, Center School; Manager Doreen Gonet, Jane LaRue, and Dawn L'Heureux, Rochester Memorial School; Manager Paula White and Erika Sullivan, Sippican School; and Manager Carol-Lynn Brown, Jean Arruda, Sue Bouley, Carol Dexter, Kathleen Gracia, Mary Lynch, Ereta Murdoch, Yvette Randall, and Lynne Velozo, ORR Junior High School and ORR High School. Food & Nutrition Service Director Jill Hennessey had secretly nominated her entire staff for the award. The Friends of Jack Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2019 by Jill Fearons. It is named in honor of her son Jack, who is living with Chiari Malformation, a rare condition in which brain tissue extends into the spinal canal. The Friends of Jack Foundation organizes healthcare-focused programs for children in the greater Southcoast region of Massachusetts. Photo courtesy Erin Bednarczyk



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Noting railings from the 1860s, Rockwell asked about outsourcing a reproduction of the design. Cormier said the architect would specify railings like the Taber Library entrance so that all three railings will match and be historically correct.

Meg Steinberg, the chairperson of the Marion Historical Commission, said that the entrance is not historically accurate and has been modified many times. Steinberg asked about plans for the doors. Cormier said he has old photos from the early 1900s and plans to match all of the railings. The plan calls for a solid mahogany wood door with double glass that will match the originals. The current aluminum storefront doors will be removed.

CPC member Will Tifft said to anticipate overages.

Steinberg was present to speak about and answer questions about the Historical Commission's \$30,000 request to continue the town's historical inventory.

Doubraava asked Steinberg about the \$125,000 previously awarded that has not yet been spent. Steinberg said the money has been "committed," including a \$12,000 consultant's fee. Steinberg told the CPC that the Historical Commission was advised to use the other \$15,000 in the request as the required local commitment in a state grant application meant to net much more in funding.

Steinberg further explained that in assembling more funding through grant applications and CPC requests, it would be "probable four to five years down the road before we have it all done, but we have no other sources." Steinberg said she learned that it is "very common" for towns to use CPC funding for such a project.

Doubraava cautioned that such a lengthy project could become an ongoing activity, so hiring staff would be a problem.

The Town House Annex received private funding to replace its windows and is now seeking \$90,000 to finish the job, including trim. "There's a lot of labor in that, and it's good to have it redone, I think," said



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7:30 AM Seniors on the Move  
8:00 AM Health Source  
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness  
9:00 AM Tae Kwon Do  
9:30 AM You and Your Health  
10:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:03 AM The Art of Being Human  
11:30 AM Recovery Recreation TV  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Chundria Show  
2:00 PM The Collective Chat  
2:30 PM This is America & The World  
3:00 PM Southcoast Matters  
3:30 PM A Conversation With...  
4:00 PM The Kamla Show  
4:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
5:10 PM Questions & Answers COVID-19  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Mattapoisett Library Talk - Julia Kelly  
7:10 PM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
7:30 PM Registers Report  
8:00 PM Reeling Movie Review  
8:32 PM Learning Music with Pat  
9:00 PM Money Matters TV  
9:30 PM Science 360  
10:00 PM IA Jock Talk  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday February 19, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM On the Move  
8:00 AM Health Source  
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness  
9:00 AM Tae Kwon Do  
9:30 AM The Art of Being Human  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Cape Conversation  
11:33 AM Learning Music with Pat  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM New England Cooks  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Chundria Show  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV  
3:00 PM The Non-Profit World  
3:30 PM IA Jock Talk  
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM A Conversation With...  
7:00 PM Arts Alive  
7:30 PM In the Toy Box  
8:00 PM Southcoast Matters

8:30 PM Reeling Movie Review

9:02 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk

10:00 PM Gay USA

11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday February 20, 2021

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons  
9:00 AM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
10:00 AM Health Source  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Cape Conversation  
11:33 AM Southcoast Matters  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM New England Cooks  
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1:30 PM The Chundria Show  
2:00 PM The Collective Chat  
2:30 PM A Conversation With...  
3:00 PM The Chico and Bman Show  
3:30 PM IA Jock Talk  
4:30 PM This is America & The World  
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The Kamla Show  
7:30 PM Money Matters TV  
8:00 PM The World Fusion Show  
8:30 PM Let's Talk Business  
9:00 PM Registers Report  
9:30 PM Gay USA  
10:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday February 21, 2021

6:00 AM Veterans Voice  
7:30 AM Health Source  
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
8:30 AM The Art of Being Human  
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion  
11:00 AM Learning Music with Pat  
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM New England Cooks  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Chundria Show  
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2:30 PM Mattapoisett Library Author Talk - Julia Kelly  
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6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The Kamla Show  
7:00 PM IA Jock Talk  
8:00 PM Racism in America  
9:30 PM Money Matters TV  
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday February 22, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Seniors on the Move

8:00 AM Health Talk

8:30 AM Tae Kwon Do

9:00 AM Rochester COA Senior Medicare Patrol

9:30 AM You and Your Health

10:00 AM The Art of Being Human

10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show

11:00 AM Cape Conversation

11:33 AM Learning Music with Pat

12:00 PM Tri-Town TV

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

1:30 PM The Chundria Show

2:00 PM The Collective Chat

2:30 PM Southcoast Matters

3:30 PM Mattapoisett Library Author Talk - Julia Kelly

4:10 PM Questions & Answers COVID-19

5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update

6:00 PM Tri-Town TV

6:30 PM The Non-Profit World

7:00 PM Money Matters TV

7:30 PM A Cranberry Harvest

8:00 PM A Conversation With...

8:30 PM Registers Report

9:00 PM IA Jock Talk

10:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk

11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday February 23, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM On the Move  
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness  
9:00 AM Health Talk  
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do  
10:00 AM You and Your Health  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Cape Conversation  
11:33 AM The Art of Being Human  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
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3:30 PM Reeling Movie Review  
4:02 PM Learning Music with Pat  
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk  
5:13 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Registers Report  
7:02 PM The Kamla Show  
7:30 PM Money Matters TV  
8:00 PM The World Fusion Show  
8:30 PM Science 360  
9:00 PM IA Jock Talk  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday February 24, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM On the Move

8:30 AM Health Source

9:00 AM Tae Kwon Do

9:30 AM You and Your Health

10:00 AM The Art of Being Human

10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show

11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church

11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat

12:00 PM Tri-Town TV

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

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6:30 PM A Conversation With...

7:00 PM This is America & The World

7:30 PM Registers Report

8:02 PM The Non-Profit World

8:30 PM Science 360

9:00 PM Gay USA

10:00 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts

11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Marion Government

Comcast Channel 95

Verizon Channel 39

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission - February 10, 2021  
8:03 AM Marion Finance Committee - February 3, 2021  
10:00 AM Marion School Committee - February 8, 2021  
10:37 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission - February 4, 2021  
11:00 AM Marion Planning Board - February 1, 2021  
12:14 PM Marion Board of Health - February 2, 2021  
12:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - February 2, 2021  
1:49 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - January 28, 2021  
2:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission - February 10, 2021  
3:03 PM Marion Finance Committee - February 3, 2021  
5:00 PM Marion School Committee - February 8, 2021  
5:37 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission - February 4, 2021  
6:00 PM Marion Planning Board - February 1, 2021  
7:14 PM Marion Board of Health - February 2, 2021  
7:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - February 2, 2021  
8:49 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - January 28, 2021  
9:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission - February 10, 2021  
10:03 PM Marion Finance Committee - February 3, 2021

Rochester Government

Comcast Channel 95

Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - February

2, 2021

8:36 AM Rochester Planning Board - February 9, 2021  
9:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - January 28, 2021  
11:02 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - February 1, 2021  
11:45 AM ORR School Committee - January 20, 2021  
2:00 PM Rochester School Committee - January 21, 2021  
4:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - February 2, 2021  
5:36 PM Rochester Planning Board - February 9, 2021  
6:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - January 28, 2021  
8:02 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - February 1, 2021  
8:45 PM ORR School Committee - January 20, 2021  
11:00 PM Rochester School Committee - January 21, 2021

Education Channel

Comcast Channel 97

Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
7:30 AM Marion COA Meditation - February 9, 2021  
8:30 AM Rochester COA Senior Medicare Patrol  
9:00 AM Mattapoisett Library Author Talk - Julia Kelly  
9:40 AM Sipican Lands Trust Volunteer Day - January 17, 2021  
10:00 AM Sipican Historical Society - Notre Dame Fire in Paris  
11:07 AM ORR Boys Freshman Basketball vs GNBV - January 15, 2021  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
12:30 PM Sipican School K-2 Attendance Informational Meeting  
1:03 PM Mattapoisett Library Author Talk - Julia Kelly  
1:44 PM Sipican Lands Trust Volunteer Day - January 17, 2021  
2:00 PM Rochester COA Senior Medicare Patrol  
2:30 PM ORR Boys Varsity Hockey vs Seekonk - February 6, 2021  
3:40 PM SCC Playoff ORR Boys Varsity Basketball vs Case - February 5, 2021  
4:44 PM ORR Girls Varsity Basketball vs Dighton Rehoboth - January 13, 2021  
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
6:30 PM Sipican School K-2 Attendance Informational Meeting  
7:03 PM Sipican Historical Society - Notre Dame Fire in Paris  
8:11 PM Sipican Lands Trust Volunteer Day - January 17, 2021  
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10:10 PM SCC Playoff ORR Boys Varsity Basketball vs Case - February 5, 2021  
11:14 PM ORR Girls Varsity Basketball vs Dighton Rehoboth - January 13, 2021

Mattapoisett Government

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SHERMAN'S LAGOON

by J.P. Toomey



Rockwell. The CPC voted to have the Board of Selectmen file a conservation restriction to protect the building.

The Elizabeth Taber Library has requested \$4,867 to complete funding for a \$7,300 project that would add the stone carvings of four more books under the benches outside the building. The titles would represent the works of authors of diverse backgrounds. The rest of the project has been privately funded, including a donation from Tri-Town Against Racism. Steinberg indicated that the original contractor would donate some of the cost of installation.

Sippican Historical Society has requested \$25,000 to continue its archival catalog. SHS Executive Director Leslie Thayer Piper said the prior award of \$125,000 has been allocated and will be spent by July on documents and artifacts before being digitized, putting collections online to make them accessible by students and the community. Thayer Piper said people around the world are looking to SHS to provide information, including German descendants of one of the crewmembers of the abandoned ship *Mary Celeste*.

CPC members were not confident about Sippican Women's Club's request to fund an upstairs apartment because the funds target maintenance costs that do not qualify. Rockwell said the CPC had funded the building before. "Some components aren't eligible for funding, but the ones that are (eligible) have dollar value, so we can look at that," he said.

Citing 550 total gravesites, CPC member Margie Baldwin noted that a project to update veterans' grave markers calls for 500 sites. The project would use \$228 unspent from 2020.

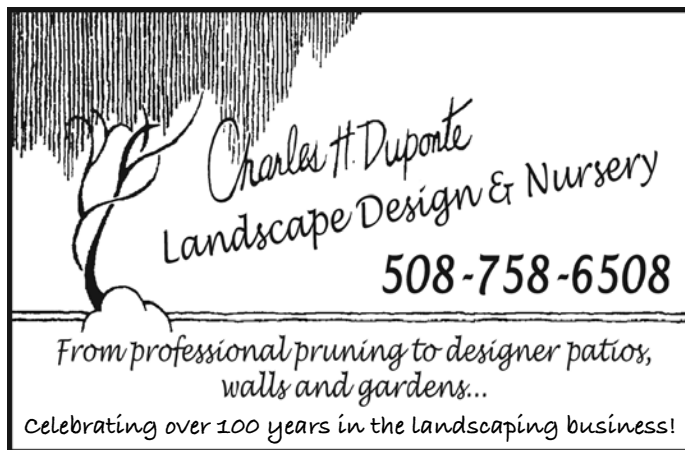
Other projects include a \$10,000 project to maintain split rail fencing at Silvershell Beach.

The next meeting of the Marion Community Preservation Committee is scheduled for Friday, February 26.

## Sippican Lays out K-2 Pivot

By Mick Colageo

When Grades K-2 Sippican School students return from winter vacation week this coming Monday, February



22, they will be back in school full-time. In preparation for their return, Sippican Principal Marla Sirois held an informational Zoom meeting on February 11 to explain and illustrate the changes and take questions.

While Sippican's return to fully in-person learning for Grades K-2 will do away with the hybrid model for those grades, families on a fully remote model can continue as fully remote. Families on a fully remote model and those home-schooling their K-2 children can choose to enroll in full, in-person learning by notifying the school by February 11. Hybrid-model students were automatically enrolled in full, in-person learning.

Sippican is maintaining a 6-foot distancing through the pivot, and there are red spots on the floor so children can know if their desks are in their intended positions. Other areas on the floors are marked with tape, so students know where to take certain materials. The floors at Sippican are now marked with large, color-coded dots, cones, and the aforementioned improvisations.

As long as there is a chance at more snow days, students will be sent home with their iPads.

"I know all of you have worked and waited so long to have your children (at school) full in person, so I would hate to see just simple miscommunication or illnesses, things that can be avoided. The bus, the school's keeping the 6 feet of distancing, but the bus does not, and they haven't the whole year; they've done about 3 feet," said Sippican School Nurse Meagan Morais, who expects



# OBITUARIES



**Beverly M. (Mello) Camara**, 89, of Mattapoisett, passed away Sunday, February 7, 2021 after a brief illness.

She was the wife of the late Raymond J. Camara.

Born in New Bedford daughter of the late Jacintho B. Mello and Florence E. Phillips she lived in Mattapoisett Most of her life.

Beverly loved animals, and spent much of her time feeding any animal that would walk through her yard.

Survivors include her sons Tom Camara of Mattapoisett, Mike Camara and his wife Carol of Middleborough, and Paul Camara of Mattapoisett and his fiancée Lynn Dufresne of Acushnet; her grandchildren, Brandon and Sean Camara, Victor McKay, and Ann Freeman; 8 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; and many other relatives.

No services are scheduled at this time. For online guestbook visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com)



**Janice Pinkham Emmons**, December 15, 1929-January 22, 2021. Our beloved Jan; daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, friend, hostess extraordinaire, dog lover, gardener, third generation A.M.C. Three Mile Island camper and overall tour de force has left us peacefully after a brief illness under the wonderful care of her daughter, Liz. She was the wife of George Beale Emmons for 64 years.

Her parents, Jan and cliff Pinkham, met during the Great Depression and married with \$50 and a car to their name. Jan was born in Chicago and grew up at Highfields, her parent's farm and orchard in Groton, MA with her brother, Bill.

Jan's life might best be described as a never-ending series of adventures and escapades full of grit and glamour. Tomboy, Acorn Street party house organizer, RCA career girl in New York City doing business with the likes of Elvis Presley and creating wonderful homes, gardens and communities in Tuxedo Park, NY, South Salem, NY and Monterey, MA. Her beauty, sense of humor, boundless love for her family and passion for a dazzling array of interests will live on forever in our hearts.

She leaves behind her husband George, brother and sister-in-law Bill and Sue Pinkham, daughters and sons-in-law Alice and Tim Maciejowski and Liz and Mike Mulroy and best of all, four highly-prized grandsons: Ames Colt, John Connery, Robin Connery and Alex Colt.

Jan will be returning to Three Mile Island on Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. Please raise a toast in her honor.



**Jesse Scott Landers** (dob 7/23/82), Marion, MA passed away unexpectedly February 9, 2021. Loyal Husband and Father to Courtney and Pearl Landers, son to Paul and Adele Landers, brother to Jillian Haley and grandson to Joan Youngblood. Born in New Bedford, MA, graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School and Champlain College. Jesse competed competitively in

soccer and football and was an avid snowboarder. He was employed by Votacall since 2004 as a strategic sales consultant.

Jesse had a magnetic personality with a smile that lit up a room and a stranger to no one. A kind, generous spirit that he shared with so many throughout his life. He adored his wife and daughter and was proud to be part of a large close-knit family. Never passing up an opportunity to create wonderful memories, Jesse was the first one to accept an invitation.

Many family and friends fondly recall Jesse's love of sports, especially Boston sports. He had a keen recall and command of all professional sports and would lead many robust discussions about the latest playoff series and team stats.

When you remember Jesse...smile

In memory of Jesse, donations can be made to Pearl's College fund at Fidelity Investments.



**Frances A. (Leeming) Cairns**, 94, of Mattapoisett died February 8, 2021 at Sippican Healthcare Center.

She was the wife of the late Lawrence P. Cairns.

Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late Robert and Louise (Hindley) Leeming, she lived in New Bedford before moving to Mattapoisett in 1983.

She was formerly employed at Quaker Oats in New Bedford and later was an office manager for ILGWU Local 361 in New Bedford until her retirement.

She was a graduate of Holy Family High School, class of 1946. She was a member of the Mattapoisett Women's Club.

Survivors include her nephews, Robert Leeming, Gregory Lemming and Michael Florio; lifelong friend, Eugenia Florio; and several grand-nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Winifred Leeming, Albert Leeming and Robert Leeming and aunt of the late Paul Leeming.

Due to Covid-19, her Funeral Mass and burial will be private.

Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Vincent de Paul Society, c/o St. Anthony's Church, P.O. Box 501 Mattapoisett, MA 02739. For online condolence book, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com)



with more children riding the bus that contract tracing might increase. "The only way for us to keep this rolling is to work together. My goal is the same as yours, to keep them in school."

All three kindergarten classes have stayed in the same location, but more students could affect that plan.

Both Grade 1 classes have moved, one meeting in the band room and the other to the library. "These classes are a little bit bigger ... 22 and 23," explained Sirois. Kindergarten has three teachers, and Grade 1 has two teachers.

Second graders have also seen a change, as two of the three classes were in rooms divided by a partition that has been opened to add space for both rooms. The third class is now in what had been the Title 1 room.

Asked what drop-off and pick-up will look like, Sirois said the plan is subject to change based on discussions with the police and fire departments. Up until the vacation week, buses have been pulling up to the front of the school and letting off students who keep a 6-foot distance walking into the building.

For parents and guardians driving to drop off or pick up their kids, students will wait in staging areas in color-coded groups. Cars display school-issued name cards, and staff calls out the color and the name to alert the student that their ride is waiting directly outside.

"So if you are going to be sending your child back and you are going to be a pick-up-drop-off family, then you would let the office know that, and we would have the cards made for you, and we would send them home, so you have them," said Sirois, stressing that the school-issued, nametag cards also signify authenticity on the part of the parent/guardian. "If you've given your card to someone, it's fine. I have had a few families lose theirs and make their own; it doesn't work. If it's not our font on our card, we will card you and make sure that whoever's in that car is allowed to pick up your child."

Asked about a cap on classrooms and staffing, Sirois said Sippican is being joined by one student who had been on fully remote and another who had been home-schooled.

"We've only had two at this point that have

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switched over. I'm not saying there won't be more, but I'm sort of at a day-to-day with that," said Sirois, indicating that there are different scenarios for each circumstance.

First-grade classrooms have more room to expand class size, and the seven fully remote kindergarten students at Sippican can be easily accommodated. But if other kindergarten-age children currently involved in private programs transfer into Sippican, Sirois said adding a teacher might become necessary. Sirois also estimates that fully remote Grade 2 students can be accommodated under the new, fully in-person arrangement.

"Something I encounter frequently that many people aren't aware of [is] they're not aware of the travel order in general, or they're not aware that it applies for second residences out of state," said Morais, who added that families have been doing an excellent job so far communicating when their kids are not feeling well or when they are traveling. "Not coming from a place of judgment or anything else, but I just would like to communicate if we could all keep working together with the open communication and letting me know and getting the kids tested and getting them back in."

Sippican's travel order is posted on the school website, along with information on testing sites with fast turnarounds.

Asked what students can access while under

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## No Fear

By Rob Gonsalves  
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***Saint Maud*. Starring Morfydd Clark and Jennifer Ehle. Directed by Rose Glass. Running time: 84 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now streaming.**

Every couple of years, a little oddity emerges from the indie-cinema beat and gets lionized as the next great thing to happen to horror. Generally these films are scrupulously calibrated and express the drive and obsession that a young filmmaker — in this case, Rose Glass, a British writer-director about thirty — feels about a story or a theme. What they don't express is true fear. Glass's feature debut, *Saint Maud*, meditates on a lonely young woman burning in shame. Once known as Katie, a bit of a wildcat, she has changed her name to Maud, shifted her nursing emphasis from hospital to hospice, and given herself over to God. At this point, I've seen so many somber art films about the rigors and torments of faith that a movie just amiable and matter-of-fact about Christianity (and no, not one of those awful belches of propaganda that usually star Kevin Sorbo or Kirk Cameron, either) would be genuinely radical and unique.

*Saint Maud* follows its lead (Morfydd Clark in a tremulous, detailed performance) as she tries to take care of her client, former dancer Amanda Köhl (Jennifer Ehle), struck down by lymphoma and approaching the end. Maud tries to get Amanda to hand it over to God, but Amanda isn't biting. She fears the void but is reasonably sure there's nothing else for her. Amanda's doubts make Maud's own misgivings flare up. Aside from a few people who seem to exist only to anger Maud, the movie really only has these two characters, and once Maud cuts herself out of Amanda's orbit, it's just Maud, and Jennifer Ehle's serenely mordant vibe is badly missed.

Clark performs heroically, free of self-consciousness, worrying at her flesh or kneeling on popcorn kernels (ouch, but using Legos might've been funnier). For her part, Rose Glass takes the dread and anguish with the utmost seriousness, as if afraid to be unworthy of Maud's stations of the cross. Glass creates a dour, foreboding mood that nobody is really allowed to tease — not even Ehle, handed this potentially juicy role but then finding most of the juice has dried up. In *Saint Maud*, I can tell what I'm supposed to be responding to, but it feels tepid and frequently-told one way or another.



As Maud's visions get weirder, the quiet material takes a Nestea plunge into loud horror; the film was distributed by A24, which also gave us the work of Robert Eggers and Ari Aster, and A24 would probably like you to think of *Saint Maud* as the next *Hereditary* or *The Witch*. The film has already inspired comparably caffeinated songs of critical praise; I wish I'd seen the same film they did, but the one I saw, frankly, feels twice as long as it is, and it's only 84 minutes long. The one I saw is almost punitively dreary and grim; even an anecdote of casual sex, which should be an occasion to get some fresh air and acknowledge the power of pleasure, just ends in casual rape.

Rose Glass brings some verve and emotional vividness to the narrative. It's not a bad movie, just glum and unengaging. Maud's story just feels too familiar; it spends a lot of time competing with Paul Schrader's *First Reformed* (another A24 film) for the championship in tragically repressive religiosity, and then towards the end it's as though *First Reformed* turned into *The Exorcist*. Yes, it's likely imaginary, but the tonal damage is done. The true horror lies in watching a miserable loner spiral into madness, which is well-covered ground by now anyway, but the lapse into the often-tacky visual vocabulary of genre horror just shatters the spell.

Glass has talent and sensitivity, but a lot of potential drama in the material just slips through her fingers. And we get back to my earlier point: where's the fear? Is there anything in *Saint Maud* that truly scares Glass? Sometimes, at good and bad horror movies, you might get one scene that truly feels sweated over, something that emerged from a genuine nightmare. But Glass doesn't seem disturbed by her subject; she doesn't seem to feel one way or the other about it. The story is just an excuse for slow-burn scenes with Maud trudging through her lightless existence until she finally goes completely around the bend. Does Glass feel anything at all about Maud? I didn't.

quarantine and if their schoolwork counts for attendance, Sirois said, "We will do our best to work with you and to provide you with work that you can come to pick up at the building. There may be opportunities that will be available in the Google classroom. We need to give it a couple of weeks after vacation to sort of see what that looks like."

Sirois said she met to talk curriculum with two of the three grade levels affected and projected out the next month with the intention to meet again. Classes were departmentalized to make the process more expedient.

"We need to stay focused on the curriculum, but unfortunately ... safety is going to come first," said Sirois. "It's going to be a little bit of an adjustment for those kiddos after vacation when their room is full of all the people they haven't seen since March."

Morais told the meeting that parents would receive a call if their child is displaying any type of respiratory symptoms or a cough. A headache without any other symptoms will not require a phone call. "Most of the time, they're not drinking enough; even the adults are forgetting to drink.... Usually, I just have them hydrate." Likewise, Morais said a stomachache is okay, but not nausea or diarrhea. Preexisting conditions will require letters from pediatricians.

Assistant Principal Sean Persico reminded parents that the water fountains at the school are blocked off and asked that students be provided with water bottles. "We'll always be able to provide water for our students, but our water fountains are closed," he said.

Students are also asked to bring boots and snow pants every day for potential outdoor mask breaks. Sirois recommended leaving that equipment at school.

Parents and guardians are asked to email [kristinrego@oldrochester.org](mailto:kristinrego@oldrochester.org) or [lisadaniels@oldrochester.org](mailto:lisadaniels@oldrochester.org) with any updates on their children for pick-up after school. "We need to have information for all updates and changes, specifically for afternoon pick-up," said Sirois. "Sometimes kids will be taking the bus, sometimes maybe you weren't on the bus, so maybe you're adding daycare. Whatever the children are doing the days we don't already know, we absolutely need to know that so things can run smoothly and not seem like the first day of school when we get back from vacation."

Countryside Child Care of Rochester will be offering Monday before and after-school care and parents and guardians can also check with the YMCA.

## Girls Basketball Title Run Height of Winter

*Sports Roundup*  
By Nick Friar

Old Rochester Regional High School could have very easily decided against offering sports this winter after postponing fall sports to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's designated Fall II season set to begin in early March. But the Bulldogs

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found a way as a community to come together and give the seniors one last campaign that saw the girls basketball team go undefeated through the regular season, taking their impressive run all the way to a 41-35 victory in Tuesday night's South Coast Conference tournament final against Dighton-Rehoboth.

Despite that success, the winter season was not without its challenges. Like the girls team, boys basketball had to quarantine for a period of time. ORR girls ice hockey also faced adversity after finding out they had faced a team with a player who then tested positive for COVID-19. But each ORR program worked its way through it all.

"My girls were safe, they did what they were

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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Volunteers distributed over 100 dinners during the Marion Council on Aging's Valentine's Day drive-thru event on February 13 at the Cushing Community Center. The dinners donated by Mike Crosby helped make up for the fact the town's seniors were not able to enjoy Valentine's Day quite like they did last year inside the building with music and dancing. Photos by Mick Colageo



Gracie says she will be your sweetheart! Photo by Deb Perry

These photos and more are available online at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)

supposed to," ORR girls hockey head coach Ted Drew said. "They seemed to have a lot of fun, even though we didn't win a game. We had to battle back for a couple of those ties and stuff. They worked hard all the time. I think they were just glad to be out and be able to play a sport finally."

Among those just happy to be on the ice for the 0-3-4 Bulldogs was senior all-purpose captain **Carly Drew**, who led ORR in scoring with four goals and three assists in a condensed campaign that set the next stage for her career next winter at Anna Maria College.

"Carly handled everything well as a leader," Ted Drew, Carly's coach and uncle, said. "I think that helped out, too, that she was going to continue playing at Anna Maria College."

While the constant concern over the virus was also an issue, there was also the matter of the truncated schedule. Coach Drew felt his defensively sound team was ready to turn a corner and post some wins, but what in other years would have been the midway point of the season turned out to be the end.

Steve Carvalho felt Old Rochester boys basketball (3-7) ran into a similar issue.

"The kids rolled with the punches," ORR boys basketball's head coach said. "I felt we were going to be a team in progress all year and developing. Part of the conversation we had at the beginning was, sometimes you develop midseason. This year, midseason was the end of the season. At the end of the day, there were some good experiences out there, and I think the kids handled it well."

Boys ice hockey had a little more luck, finishing 3-3-1 on the year without facing any exposure to the virus that would lead to a team-wide quarantine. As the team took the opportunity to grow for next season and enjoy this season for what it was, goalie **Thomas Galavotti** emerged as a difference-maker — and someone the Bulldogs will lean on next year.

"He took huge strides in his development," ORR head coach Zach Ledogar said. "He was the backbone of the team and took a good step forward as a leader. He totally transformed his game after [graduating] one of

the best goaltenders in the state (**Jake DeMoranville**) last year."

Hopefully, by next winter season, Galavotti and all other ORR winter athletes will have a much better chance to showcase their abilities.

Fall II sports: Football practice at ORR starts on March 3, and all other sports begin practice on March 8.

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights Feb 7-Feb 13

- Washburn Park Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Blueberry Way – General service
- River Rd – General service
- Rebecca Dr – General service
- Rebecca Dr – Officer wanted
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Doran Way – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd - Fraud
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Abels Way – Health/welfare
- Abels Way – Follow up
- Wareham Rd – Paper service
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Spring St – Road hazard
- Vine St – MV complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- High St – Assist other police dept
- Boxberry Way – General service
- Jenney Ln – Suspicious person
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Suspicious MV
- Oakdale Ave – Animal complaint
- Wianno Rd – General service
- Mill St – Found property
- County Rd – EMS/medical

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights Feb 7-Feb 13

- Perry Ave – Medical/assist
- Brandt Island Rd – MV lockout
- Tinkham Ln – MV lockout
- County Rd – MV crash
- Long Plain Rd – MV crash
- Mendell Rd – Disabled MV
- Pine Ridge Ln – Unattended death
- Oak Rd – 911 call
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Neds Point Rd – Property lost
- Third St – Open door
- North St – Assist citizen
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist other agency
- Fairhaven Rd – Medical/assist
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Acushnet Rd – Assist other agency
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd - Vandalism
- Marion Rd - Complaint
- Ridgewood Rd – Medical/assist
- Hubbards Way – MV crash
- Fieldstone Dr - Fraud
- Neds Point Rd – Unattended death
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – Property returned
- Shaw St – General service
- I195 East – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd – Health/welfare
- Peace Pipe Path – Animal control
- County Rd – Property found

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights Feb 7-Feb 13

Not available at press time.

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).



## REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

### COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, Feb 22:** Mexicali chicken, Spanish rice, brussels sprouts, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit  
**Tuesday, Feb 23:** BBQ pork rib, roasted potatoes, California vegetable blend, honey wheat roll, pineapple  
**Wednesday, Feb 24:** Roast turkey w/gravy, cranberry sauce (2), mashed potato, winter squash, multigrain bread, mini cheesecake, diet: low sugar cake  
**Thursday, Feb 25:** Greek meatballs, rice pilaf, Tuscan vegetable blend, multigrain roll, Mandarin oranges  
**Friday, Feb 26:** Mac & cheese, escalloped tomatoes, broccoli florets, fruit loaf, strawberry cup

### CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, Feb 22:** BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, oven roasted French fries, crazy carrots, whole grain mini Rice Krispies treat, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Tuesday, Feb 23:** Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy golden corn, warm biscuits, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Wednesday, Feb 24:** Whole grain French toast sticks, sausage patty, seasoned potato wedges, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Thursday, Feb 25:** Creamy macaroni & cheese, side whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Friday, Feb 26:** Creamy macaroni & cheese, side whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch

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**Friday, Feb 26:** Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch

### OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, Feb 22:** BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, oven roasted French fries, crazy carrots, whole grain mini Rice Krispies treat, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Tuesday, Feb 23:** Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy golden corn, warm biscuits, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Wednesday, Feb 24:** Whole grain French toast sticks, sausage patty, seasoned potato wedges, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Thursday, Feb 25:** Creamy macaroni & cheese, side whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Friday, Feb 26:** Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch

### OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, Feb 22:** Remote grab n go meal pick up  
**Tuesday, Feb 23:** Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy golden corn, warm biscuits, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham &

cheese sub fun lunch  
**Wednesday, Feb 24:** Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy golden corn, warm biscuits, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Thursday, Feb 25:** Creamy macaroni & cheese, side whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Friday, Feb 26:** Creamy macaroni & cheese, side whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch

### ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, Feb 22:** BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, oven roasted French fries, crazy carrots, whole grain mini Rice Krispies treat, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Tuesday, Feb 23:** Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy golden corn, warm biscuits, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Wednesday, Feb 24:** Whole grain French toast sticks, sausage patty, seasoned potato wedges, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Thursday, Feb 25:** Creamy macaroni & cheese, side whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch

**Friday, Feb 26:** Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch

### SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, Feb 22:** Remote grab n go meal pick up  
**Tuesday, Feb 23:** Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy golden corn, warm biscuits, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Wednesday, Feb 24:** Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy golden corn, warm biscuits, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Thursday, Feb 25:** Creamy macaroni & cheese, side whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch  
**Friday, Feb 26:** Creamy macaroni & cheese, side whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk OR Ham & cheese sub fun lunch

### OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, Feb 22:** Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & biscuit  
**Tuesday, Feb 23:** Chicken nuggets, fries & bread  
**Wednesday, Feb 24:** Baked cheese ravioli & garlic bread  
**Thursday, Feb 25:** Sloppy Joe & fries  
**Friday, Feb 26:** Assorted pizza



## Academic Achievements

The following students Earned Fall 2020 Dean's List Honors at Stonehill College: **Luke Couto**, Mattapoisett, Class of 2024; **Jacob DeMaggio**, Rochester, Class of 2022; **Chloe Lanagan** Mattapoisett, Class of 2024; **Kevin Ovian** of Rochester, Class of 2023; **Aidan Ridings**, Mattapoisett, Class of 2023; **Ainslee Rodrigues**, Mattapoisett, Class of 2022; **Megan Tracey**, Rochester, Class of 2022.

To qualify for the Stonehill College Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.5 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that **Michaela Mattson**, of Marion, a member of the Class of 2023, majoring in biomedical engineering, was named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the Fall 2020 semester. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differ from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

**Charlotte Rathborne**, Marion, earned Dean's List honors at The University of Tampa for the Fall 2020 semester. Rathborne is a Senior majoring in criminology and criminal justice. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the Dean's List.

## Bishop Stang Second Quarter Honor Roll

Bishop Stang High School is proud of the accomplishments of our students, and recognizes those students earning Honor Roll distinction. Students on the President's List have an average 95 or above, and a 90 or above in all courses. Students receiving First Honor have an average 90 or above, and an 85 or above in all courses. Those with Second Honor have an average 85 or above, and an 80 or above in all courses. The following students from our area are being recognized for their academic achievement at Bishop Stang High School for their performance in the second quarter:

Marion— President's List: **Lillian Manning '24**, **Elizabeth Russo '24**, **Tayden Shaw-Nelson '23**; First Honor: **Raquel da Costa '21**, **Maeve Egger '22**, **Sophie Lynch '21**, **Molleigh O'Neil-O'Connell '24**, **Redmond Podkowa '23**, **Luke Tougas '23**.

Mattapoisett— President's List: **Julia Downey '23**, **Liam Downey '21**, **Lillian Surprenant '24**; First Honor: **Ella Meninno '21**, **Sophia Meninno '24**, **Joel Michaud '21**, **Thomas Waldron '24**; Second Honor: **Ryan Oliveira '24**, **Eleanor Senna '23**, **Claire Surprenant '22**.

Rochester – President's List: **Lindsey Feen '24**, **Sarah Pothier '24**; First Honor: **Dylan Aguiar '21**, **Kara Feen '24**, **Bree Killion '24**, **Isabella Marotta '24**, **Briana Pothier '22**; Second Honor: **Maxwell Brulport '21**, **Kyle**

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## Fall Enrollment at Loft School

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**February 25**, Roger Williams Zoomobile; **March 4**, Wingmasters "Birds of Prey"; **March 11**, Roger Williams Zoomobile; **March 18**, RI Audubon: "Life Cycle of Frogs"; **March 25**, Roger Williams Zoomobile; **April 1**, Wingmasters "World of Owls"; **April 8**, Roger Williams Zoomobile.

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## ACROSS

- 1 Kuwait rulers  
6 Pin to hang a chapeau on  
12 Clothes  
16 "This is so frustrating!"  
19 Maui porch  
20 Single-celled creature  
21 Old term for margarine  
22 Sooner than, in sonnets  
23 Incriminated dancer  
27 Petri dish gel  
28 A handsome Greek god put half-and-half in his coffee?  
30 Scholars' milieu  
34 See  
35 Mini-plateau  
36 Cornhusk-wrapped treats  
43 Pizazz  
44 Psychic glow

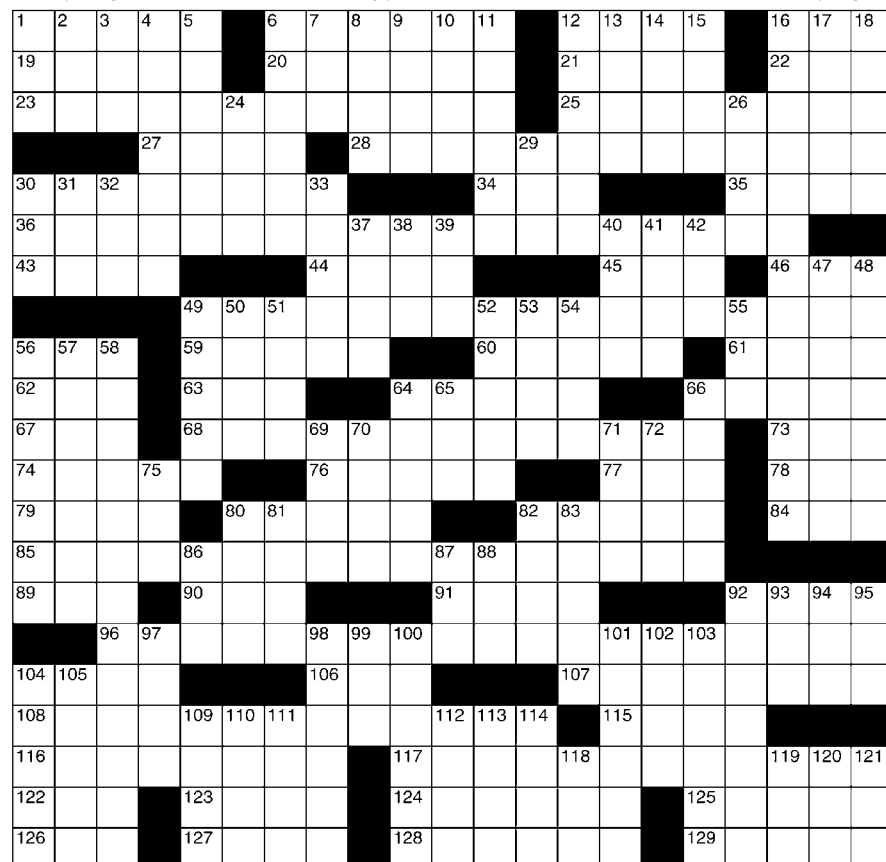
- 45 Volt-per-ampere unit  
46 Stephen of film  
49 Temporarily smiling broadly?  
56 With  
59 Sweetheart  
60 Oklahoma city  
61 Shoe retailer  
62 Former flying inits.  
63 Gas suffix  
64 Tuscany city  
66 Negative particle  
67 Iowa's tree  
68 Tony-winning musical performed in France's capital?  
73 Graynor of "The Sitter"  
74 Nabisco treats  
76 Valleys  
77 Wish to undo  
78 Pince- —  
79 6/6/44  
80 Colonel  
82 Broadway star Rivera  
84 Spokane-to-Boise dir.

- 85 Actor Ralph having reached a saloon's counter?  
89 "— hawl!"  
90 Suffix with brilliant  
91 Rod go-with  
92 Memo starter  
96 Group  
104 Meme starter  
106 British rocker Brian  
107 Cold carnival treats  
108 Group of truck drivers who were once in the same college fraternity?  
115 "After that ..."  
116 Belgium's capital  
117 Doubled radius of a toy on a string?  
122 Go astray  
123 Intro studio course  
124 By wagering  
125 Plant used to make tequila  
126 Hankering  
127 Pony pattern

- 128 SEALs' mil. branch  
129 Renowned  
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1 Pixieish one  
2 Damage a bit  
3 — funk (sad)  
4 Ninth Muslim month  
5 Gangster Bugsy  
6 Singer  
7 "Yo te —"  
8 Roman wrap  
9 Small chirp  
10 Spanish river  
11 Illuminated like old streets  
12 "Beat it, kid!"  
13 Actor  
14 Back area  
15 Foreshadow  
16 Some math specialists  
17 French city  
18 Ibsen's "— Gabler"  
24 Matriarch  
26 Pitch a tent  
29 "— di-dah!"  
30 Feasted  
31 Nev.  
32 Docs' org.  
33 — worse than death  
37 Rhine feeder

- 38 Nev. neighbor  
39 Yoga pad  
40 Corn bases  
41 Cronus' wife  
42 Singer  
43 Sumac  
47 Audience extras  
48 Really suffer  
49 Licked parts of envelopes  
50 Actress  
51 KOA patron  
52 Newsy bits  
53 Tax-free bond, in brief  
54 Israeli airline  
55 Adult males  
56 Supported  
57 Oscar winner, e.g.  
58 Not go right or straight while driving  
64 Paper unit  
65 Actor Ziering  
66 Lend — (listen)  
69 Inuit language word for "house"  
70 Small error  
71 Chi-Town daily paper  
72 Let — sigh  
75 Popeye's gal  
80 Old Dodge  
81 Corrosive cleansers

- 82 Rice — (cereal)  
83 Assists  
86 Archer's skill  
87 Pt. of NATO  
88 Ball balancer  
92 In a single try  
93 Wicked act  
94 Wingtip tip  
95 Walk- — (small roles)  
97 Santa — (hot winds)  
98 Entraps  
99 Walk- — (no-appointment customers)  
100 "I meant someone else"  
101 Real thing  
102 Qatari port  
103 "The — Cometh"  
104 Monks' home  
105 — Haute, Indiana  
109 Despot of old  
110 Architect  
111 Utah ski site  
112 Ages on end  
113 Meg of film  
114 Japanese noodle  
118 Actor Patel  
119 Tit for —  
120 Night before  
121 Ruby, e.g.



# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Doing something nice for others is typical of the generous Arian. But be prepared for some jealous types who might try to question one of your more recent acts of kindness.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to take on new responsibilities. But before you do, you might want to check out exactly what would be required of you so that you don't face any "surprises" later.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It might be best to put off an important decision until a fluctuating situation becomes more stable. Recently received news could help resolve a long-standing family matter.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) If you still have a problem getting that information gap closed, you might consider asking a higher authority to resolve the matter, leaving you free to move on to another project.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A family matter needs to be dealt with at the start of the week. Once it's resolved, the Big Cat can devote more attention to that new opportunity that seems to hold so much potential.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Pay attention to those nagging doubts. They could be warning you not to make any major decisions until you've checked them out -- especially where money matters might be involved.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A business venture might need more of your attention than you are able to provide. Consider asking a trusted friend or family member to help you work through this time crunch.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A more-positive aspect helps you get a clearer focus on how to handle your time so that you can deal with several responsibilities that are just now showing up on your schedule.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A very close friend (you know who that is!) has advice that could help you work through a confusing situation. So put your pride aside and ask for it. You'll be glad you did.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A workplace situation could turn a bit tense. The best way to handle it is to confront it and deal with it openly. Doing so can help reveal the underlying reasons for the problem.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A colleague's remarks appear to be especially cutting. But don't waste your time or your energy trying to deal with the situation. You have more important things to do.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Support for your work comes as a surprise from someone you thought was critical or, at least, indifferent. Your spouse or partner has big plans for the weekend.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your spiritual strength often acts as an inspiration to help others make decisions about their lives.

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### **Paul Cuffe: His Purpose, Partners and Properties**

If the name Paul Cuffe is unfamiliar to you, the virtual library discussion with authors David Cole and Betty Slade about their work, "Paul Cuffe: His Purpose, Partners and Properties," will shine a light on this South Coast mariner, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. Cuffe, a man born on Cuttyhunk Island in 1759 to a formerly enslaved West African father and Wampanoag mother, built a business empire that included shipping along the Atlantic coast and shipbuilding in Westport, Massachusetts. Join the Mattapoisett Free Public Library and moderator Corey Nuffer on Saturday, **February 27**, at 2:00 pm for a glimpse of this fascinating man from the eyes of Cole and Slade.

Registration is required for you to receive the Zoom meeting information. Zoom information will be sent the day before the presentation. You can register by sending an email to [mfpl@sailsinc.org](mailto:mfpl@sailsinc.org) or by completing the registration form on our online calendar of events. Call the library at 508-758-4171 or email to [mfpl@sailsinc.org](mailto:mfpl@sailsinc.org) if you have questions. This program is part of the Purrington Lecture Series, a presentation of the Mattapoisett Library Trust, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to expanding the role of the library in the community.

### **Sippican Cinema Series**

The Sippican Cinema Series Continues on **February 22** with "Now, Voyager." With brilliant performances by Bette Davis and Claude Rains, this is the love story of delicate, middle-aged Charlotte Vale, who suffers a nervous breakdown due to the influence of her domineering mother. After entering a sanitarium, she emerges confident and seemingly cured. How will it end? And what is the meaning of the title? Watch the film on your own to find out, then join host Anne Converse on Monday, February 22, at 5:00 pm via Zoom for a discussion of this film.

Email Anne at [bellaclick5@gmail.com](mailto:bellaclick5@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link; past participants are already on the email list. "Now, Voyager" is available to rent on Amazon Prime Video and On-Demand.

### **ORCTV Video Production Scholarship**

Each year, Old Rochester Community Television awards one graduating senior from our Old Rochester Regional High School video production program its "Outstanding Student Award." The scholarship is meant to assist the student as they move on to study video production or film upon entering college.

During the summer of 2020, ORCTV's first president, Ken Souza, passed away suddenly. In addition to having been the station president, Ken was also

an educator who taught video production at Bristol Community College. With this in mind, ORCTV decided to honor Ken by naming its annual scholarship the "Kenneth J. Souza Memorial Award for Outstanding Video Production."

When ORCTV informed Ken's wife, Margie Souza, of its intentions to name the award in honor of her husband, Mrs. Souza asked if it would be possible to create a process where those who wished to remember Ken could contribute towards the funding of the award.

ORCTV agreed this would be a great way for those in the community to remember Ken and his contributions to the Tri-Town. If you would like to contribute to the Ken Souza Scholarship fund, please send a check to ORCTV at 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, and write "Ken Souza Scholarship" in the memo space. ORCTV is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, making all contributions tax-deductible.

### **LWV Southcoast Seeks Teachers to Receive Free Civics Workshop Training**

The League of Women Voters Southcoast (LWVS) has partnered with the LWV Greenwich (Connecticut) on a Civics Workshop using a case method approach.

The case method civics project is a collaboration between the Case Method Institute and the League, working closely with Harvard Business School Professor David Moss. Currently, most students learn history as



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<p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER SURPLUS GOODS</b></p> <p>The Town of Rochester is now accepting bids for a walk-in cooler/freezer located at the Rochester Council on Aging. The structure has been dismantled and is currently sitting on pallets outside the building. All units are available and in good condition. The unit also comes with the 2 doors, and all mechanical equipment. (Condensers and Air handlers). The unit needs to be sold and removed in its entirety and not separate parts or sections, although the purchaser could decide to only use the cooler or the freezer if they wish. The unit needs to be picked up on site and removed. Please contact Facilities Manager Andrew Daniel (adaniel@townofrochester.com) with any questions to arrange for a viewing. Bids will be accepted until Friday, February 19, 2021 at 11:00 am in a sealed envelope. Bid opening will be conducted via Zoom on Friday, February 19, 2021 at Noon.</p> <p><b>Description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The entire unit is 10 feet deep by 14 feet wide.</li> <li>* The freezer and the Cooler are both 10 feet deep by 7 feet wide</li> <li>* The height of the unit is 7ft, 7inches</li> <li>* The unit is made up of individual panels and connects together with the use of cams and minimal tools needed.</li> <li>* The condensers and air handlers are both in good working order. The compressor pump and the temperature controls for the cooler are only a few years old.</li> </ul> <p><b>Zoom Information:</b> Topic: COA Freezer Bid Opening Time: Feb 19, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88449056240">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88449056240</a> Meeting ID: 884 4905 6240 One tap mobile +13126266799,,88449056240# US (Chicago) +16468769923,,88449056240# US (New York) Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) Meeting ID: 884 4905 6240 Find your local number: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88449056240">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88449056240</a> us/u/kcufolGVv 2/11, 2/18</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b> To be held Remotely via Zoom: Meeting ID: 837 7042 2611; Password: 887162 Join the Online Meeting at: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770422611">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770422611</a> or Phone #: 1-646-558-8656</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:05 pm remotely via Zoom* to consider the request of 122 Register Rd., LLC. The application is for a Special Permit under Section 230-7.4.C of the Town of Marion Zoning By-Laws to allow a "Pier as an Accessory Use" to a single-family dwelling. The property is located at 122 Register Road and is identified as Lots 1E, 121, 146, 147, on Marion Assessor's Map 2 and is located in a Residence C Zoning District.</p> <p>William W. Saltonstall Chairman Andrew M. Daniel, Vice-Chairman 2/11, 2/18</p> <hr/>	<p><b>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b> To be held Remotely via Zoom: Meeting ID: 837 7042 2611; Password: 887162 Join the Online Meeting at: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770422611">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770422611</a> or Phone #: 1-646-558-8656</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:15 pm remotely via Zoom* to consider the request of Sherman E. Briggs and Hamblin Homes, Inc. to conduct a Major Site Plan Review under Section 230 – 9.1 of the Marion Zoning Bylaw and grant a Special Permit under Sections 230 – 5.3, 230 – 8.12, 230 – 8.12 L., 230 – 7.1, 230 – 7.2 of the Marion Zoning Bylaw to construct a Multi-family development with 28 Townhouse style units on 3.55 acres.</p> <p>The property is located at Spring Street near the intersection of Spring Street and Mill Street and is identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Map 24 Lots 36A, 37, 37A and 38 in the Residence E zoning district.</p> <p>William W. Saltonstall, Chairman Andrew M. Daniel, Vice-Chairman 2/11, 2/18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* If you are a resident attending the public hearing, we request you to identify your name and address for the record.</li> </ul> <p>Topic: Planning Board</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b> To be held Remotely via Zoom: Meeting ID: 837 7042 2611; Password: 887162 Join the Online Meeting at: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770422611">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770422611</a> or Phone #: 1-646-558-8656</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:25 pm remotely via Zoom* to consider the request of Tabor Academy. The application is for a Special Permit c/o Field Engineering Co., Inc. to allow the reduction in parking from 74-spaces to 50-spaces.</p> <p>The property is located at 85 Spring Street and is further identified on Marion Assessor's map as Map 14, Lot 6 located in the Residence C Zoning District.</p> <p>Andrew M. Daniel, Vice-Chairman Eileen J. Marum, Clerk 2/11, 2/18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* If you are a resident attending the public hearing, we request you to identify your name and address for the record.</li> </ul> <p>Topic: Planning Board</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b> Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Historic District Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom regarding an application received from Plumb Corner, LLC at 2854 Cranberry Hwy, E. Wareham, MA 02538 for property located at 0 Rounseville Rd., Rochester MA, further identified on Assessor's Map 30, Lots 24, 25b, and 25c.</p> <p>This is the beginning of a project to build an age 55 and older development which will consist of a clubhouse as well as 22 duplex buildings which will total 44 units. This will be all new construction and the work is to be done in three phases.</p>	<p>The initial meeting will only be for a permanent sign, 2 duplexes (4 housing units), and a clubhouse, however, as the project continues through multiple phases, additional meetings of the commission will review the remaining parts of the project.</p> <p>The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Building Department at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during business hours and also electronically upon request from the Building Department.</p> <p>To join the Zoom meeting: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89685334300">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89685334300</a> Meeting ID: 896 8533 4300 One tap mobile (646) 876-9923 Matthew Monteiro, Vice Chairman and Clerk 2/11, 2/18</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b> In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Ch. 85, s. 3 the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Rochester will hold a public hearing on the petition of Village at Plumb Corner C/O Brian Wallace, to name public ways in a new development in the Town of Rochester as Sarahbeth Lane, Katlyn Circle, and Hayley Circle. The hearing will be held on Monday, March 1st, 2021 at 6:05 pm, via Zoom Meetings.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86413574815">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86413574815</a> Meeting ID: 864 1357 4815 One tap mobile +16468769923,,86413574815# US (New York) +13017158592,,86413574815# US (Washington DC) Dial by your location +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose) +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) Meeting ID: 864 1357 4815 Find your local number: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86413574815">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86413574815</a> us/u/kovImv3Br 2/18, 2/25</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT ORR SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b> Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a public hearing of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2021-2022 school year at 6:30 pm, on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Due to restrictions on public gatherings as a result of COVID-19, this meeting will be held remotely and members of the public will not be allowed to physically attend. To access the meeting, please use the link information below.</p> <p><a href="https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/99955450154?pwd=T2tvNHo5TWtUbnVjU2bHNlVU5Udz09">https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/99955450154?pwd=T2tvNHo5TWtUbnVjU2bHNlVU5Udz09</a> If you need additional login information please contact Diana Russo at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956. 2/18</p> <hr/>

a set narrative, which is analogous to saying everyone remembers events the same.

Yet, history is a collection of historians exchanging different analyses of the same event. And rather than acquiring history as a set narrative, Professor Moss believes American students might be better served learning the many “histories” that compose the American national story using the case method, that is, a participatory discussion-based way of learning that assists high school students in gaining skills in critical thinking, communication, and group dynamics while preparing for active citizenship.

This spring, the Case Method Institute will again invite Leagues across the country to nominate high school history, government, and civics teachers to attend its free virtual professional development workshop. After completing this workshop, teachers will be equipped to lead case-method style discussions in their classrooms and community forums. This exceptional program includes:

- An afternoon of live, online training with Harvard Business School Professor David Moss on Saturday, April 3. Professor Moss will discuss his “History of American Democracy” course and illustrate the case method teaching approach.
- A full curriculum of Harvard cases free of cost from the “History of American Democracy.”
- An 8-hour asynchronous training program completed before the Zoom-based session with Professor Moss, where participants will become familiar with case method teaching.
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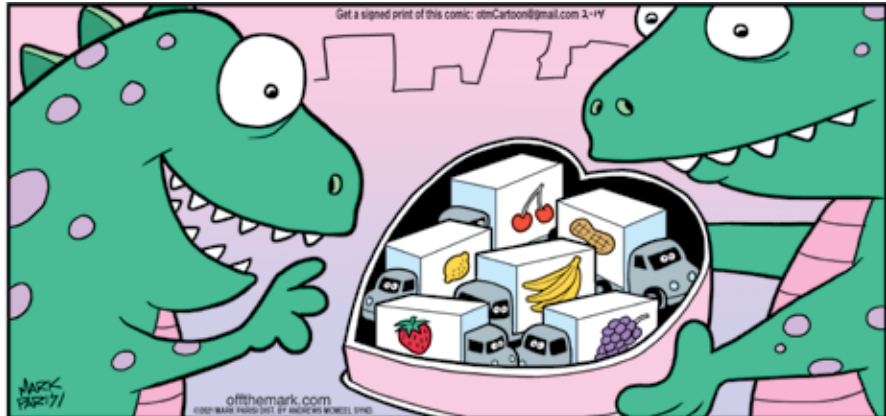
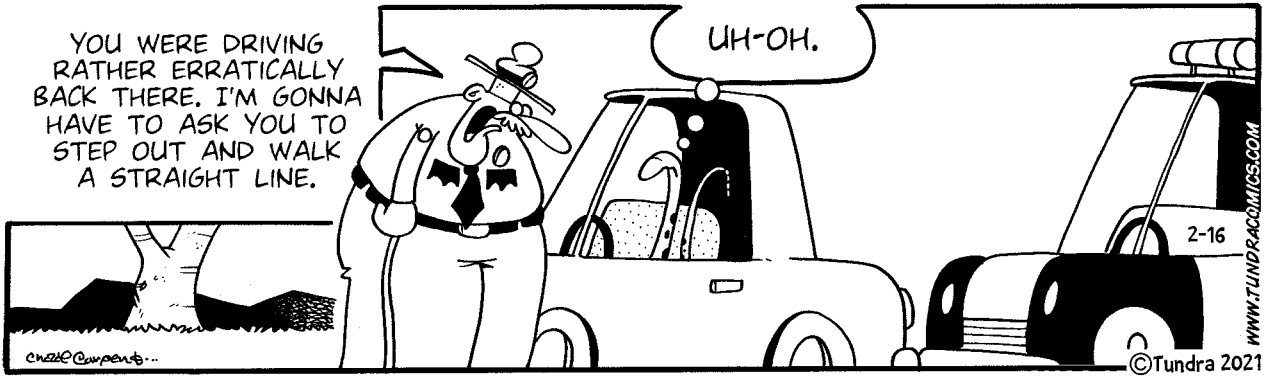
After completing the workshop, nominated teachers are expected to pilot at least one case in their classes during this school year and help moderate at least one community case discussion that will be organized by the League of Women Voters Southcoast before June 30, 2022.

The League of Women Voters Southcoast is eager to nominate teachers from the Southcoast area. The deadline for teachers to let us know they are interested is Friday, **February 26**. Please respond to Kristen Eastman at 508-758-6051 or [kriseastman1@gmail.com](mailto:kriseastman1@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

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<p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Application for On Premises, All Alcoholic Beverages License Ansel's Cafe 403 County Road, Marion, MA</p> <p>The Marion Board of Selectmen, acting as local licensing authority, will hold a remote public hearing on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 4:15 pm via Zoom on the application of Ansel's Café, LLC for an on premises, license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages.</p> <p>Please contact Debra Paiva at 508-748-3520 or <a href="mailto:dpaiva@marionma.gov">dpaiva@marionma.gov</a> to request access to the public hearing. Randy L. Parker, Chairman 2/18, 2/25</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing on Friday, February 26, 2021 beginning at 5:00 pm. The hearing will be held by Zoom. For Zoom information, please email Jeff Doubrava at <a href="mailto:communitypreservation@marionma.gov">communitypreservation@marionma.gov</a></p> <p>The agenda for this hearing is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review, amend, and approve minutes of February 12, 2021 meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and discuss applications for CPA funding received by February 11, 2021 deadline: Town of Marion – Town House Annex Exterior Town of Marion – Town House Main Street Entrance Town of Marion – Veterans' Grave Markers Town of Marion – Silvershell Beach Fencing Town of Marion – Historical Commission Cultural Inventory Sippican Tabular Society – Archival Cataloguing Elizabeth Taber Library – Reading Circle Bench Sippican Woman's Club – Preservation of Historic Building Town of Marion – Cushing Community Park Path Town of Marion – Boat Purchase</li> </ul> <p>Hearing will be continued until March 5, 2021 at which time final deliberations will be held. At the continued hearing formal votes to recommend applications for consideration at spring 2021 Annual Town Meeting will be held. Jeff Doubrava, CPC Chair 2/18, 2/25</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION &amp; TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>An Open Hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Steven Morrell, 512 High Street, Rochester, MA 02770, for property located on 0</p>	<p>County Road, designated as Lot 10 on Rochester Assessors Map 17. This Open Hearing is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19.</p> <p>The applicant proposes to alter 5,000 s.f. of a previously disturbed isolated vegetated wetland (IVW), created by over-excavation of sand below the seasonal water table, to expand an existing shooting range. The proposed project involves relocating and replicating the IVW to be altered, creating an improved resource area and vernal pool habitat.</p> <p>The applicant's representative is Brian Grady of G.A.F. Engineering, Inc., 266 Main Street, Wareham, MA 02571. The property owner of record is Steven Morrell, 512 High Street, Rochester, MA 02770.</p> <p>This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86993754258">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86993754258</a> Meeting ID: 869 9375 4258 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Michael Conway, Chairman 2/18</p> <hr/>

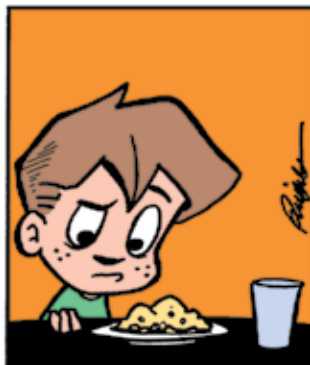


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## VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition

Edward Gonet IV, of Fairhaven, won second place in the annual Massachusetts VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition sponsored by the State Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Auxiliary. State winners were announced during a Zoom event on Sunday, January 31. The national theme for this year's competition was "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"



Edward, a junior at Old Rochester Regional High School, took first place at the local level and was sponsored by Fort Phoenix VFW #2892 and its Auxiliary, Fairhaven. His audio-essay was then entered into the District (Bristol County) contest, where he earned first place honors. As the district winner, he qualified for the state competition, with the judging being held this past January. He is an honor student, active in school activities including the co-founding of its DECA Club in 2019 and was accepted into the South Eastern Massachusetts Music Educators Association (SEMMEA) District and All-State Choruses.

Established in 1947, the VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship competition provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves regarding a democratic and patriotic theme. Nearly 64,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter each year, where more than \$2 million in educational scholarships and incentives are awarded through the program. The national winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship.

## Parting Ways Consignment

Parting Ways Consignment, located at 3 Wells Road in Marion, is holding a semi-annual "Dollar Days Dazzler" event to help others in their community. Every clothing item in their store is only \$1 each. **February 23,**

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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LAGGER

Trajectory

COVERT

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## From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

The phrase “moving house” is most often used by people who are packing up their belongings and moving to a new location. However, over the years in Rochester, that phrase has had a more literal meaning. In the 1800s, Nathan Willis purchased a large two-story house built by Stephen Winslow and located on Mendell Road. Willis cut it in half and, using a team of 20 oxen, pulled it across frozen fields to the foot of Mary’s Pond Road. It became a home, store, and post office and is still there today and is owned by the Carrs.

Homes weren’t the only things moved. Often buildings were moved and repurposed rather than tearing them down. In 1892 when a new town house and library

building was constructed on Rochester Common, the old 1811 town house was moved to the Pratt cranberry bog, where it became a screen house.

At least two Rochester schoolhouses, the North Rochester School in 1932 and the Stuart School in 1941, were moved across town to be additions to the Waterman School. They were later sold and moved away when the Waterman became the fire station. Other schools were also moved. The Davis School, once on the corner of Hartley and Snipatuit Roads, was moved across the street to be turned into a family home. The Church School on Mattapoissett Road was moved a short way north and later was also used as a home.

George Church, a well-known Rochester resident, was a rigger or building mover. Running his business out of his home for over 40 years, he moved, among others, a church in Freetown, houses in New Bedford (some to make room for Route 195), and, putting his equipment on barges, houses on Block Island. Presented with the job of moving Jenkins’ barn on New Bedford Road to the Gilmore property on Walnut Plain Road, he dismantled it, labeled all the bits and pieces, and then moved and reassembled them in the barn’s new location.

The picture included with this article is of a small house, once on the corner of Snipatuit and Hartley Roads. In September of 1989, it was moved down Snow’s Pond Road to a new spot by the Gilmores’ cranberry bog.



## Marion Receives Green Communities Grant

The Energy Management Committee along with Town Administrator James McGrail and Town Planner Gil Hilario are pleased to announce that the Town of Marion was awarded a grant totaling \$120,238 that will support energy efficient projects throughout town.

The grant was awarded to the Town of Marion by the Green Communities Program through the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. The Town must be a Green Community in order to be eligible for the grant and meet five criteria that further energy savings goals.

“We, the Energy Management Committee, are thankful to the Baker-Polito Administration for awarding us this grant through the Green Communities program to provide fiscal support to meet the goals in our Energy Reduction Plan,” Chairman Christian Ingerslev said. The Energy Management Committee, Facilities Manager Shaun Cormier, and Town Planner Gil Hilario have worked hard over the last year to identify energy efficient building projects in Town that will save taxpayers money and reduce fossil fuel use.

The Town of Marion completed several more projects that will help the Town achieve its goal of reducing energy use by 20 percent over five years. The Community Center replaced a 30-year-old gas-fired furnace that operated at 70-80 percent efficiency with an all-electric heat pump system. The new heat pump system is much more efficient with a 17.8 SEER rating and is used to heat the activities room, the kitchen, and bathrooms. Also, attic insulation was installed covering 4,420 square feet with 10-inch and 8-inch cellulose.

The Music Hall added 750 square feet of insulation in the attic and basement. New storm window inserts were also added to the Elizabeth Taber Library (23 total). The storm window inserts will improve the efficiency of the single pane windows there.

Two oil conversion projects were completed. A new natural gas furnace and a new propane furnace replaced 30+ years-old oil furnaces that are only 70-80 percent efficient at Silvershell and Main Water Pumping Station.

Approximately \$3,399 in utility rebates has been used towards funding.

These projects are expected to save approximately \$8,000 dollars a year and 18,497 kwh, 2,072 therms, and 1,385 gallons of oil annually. The payback time for all the projects combined is 15 years.

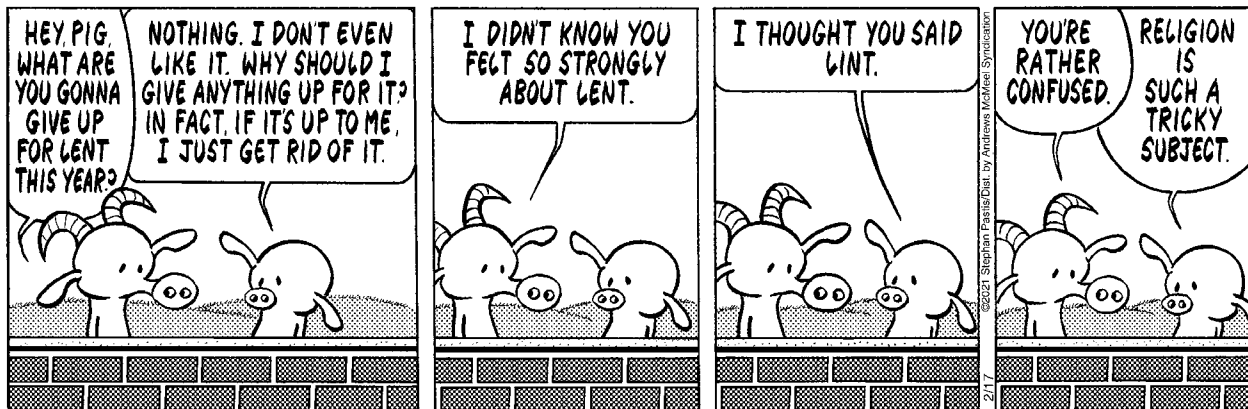
## Sippican Historical Society

Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion’s historic homes and buildings. Over 100 were cataloged and



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**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
by Stephan Pastis



photographed. SHS will feature one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

This week we feature 13 Cottage Street. This house was built in 1880 as Taber Hall to house Tabor Academy's first principal, Clark P. Howland. Mrs. Taber, the founder of the school, called the school "Tabor" after Mount Tabor in the Bible, instead of naming it after herself. Thirteen Cottage Street is an example of the Italianate style of architecture, which was popular in America between the late 1840s and early 1880s. Howland, a graduate of Yale University, lived on the first floor, while Mrs. Elizabeth P. Taber lived in two rooms on the second floor. Born in Marion in 1791, Elizabeth Pitcher married Stephen Taber, who left her a considerable fortune upon his death in 1862. She then became Marion's most important benefactress and lived in Taber Hall until her death in 1888 at the age of 97.



### Bird Flight Patterns and Music

On **March 23**, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra will release this year's Learning in Concert virtual program entitled "Bird Flight Patterns and Music." Throughout the concert video, NBSO Education Director Terry Wolkowicz leads the viewers on an exploration of five bird flight patterns used by various bird species and pairs each with a piece of classical music that moves in the same motion as each flight pattern. Featuring a performance by the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, this program will include the world premiere of Jamie Allen's Nightingale Concerto with recorder soloist Heloise Degrugillier, Derek Bermel's Murmurations: Swarming Rome, and music by Mendelssohn, Haydn,



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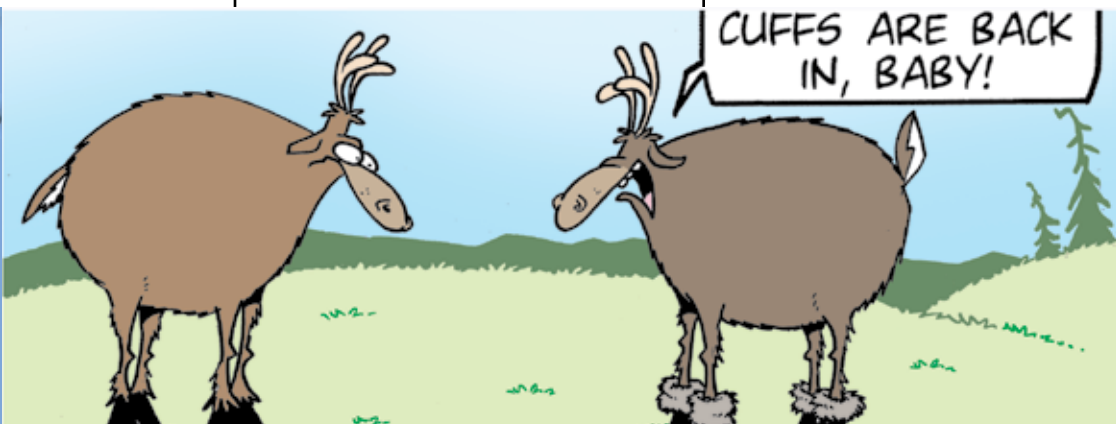


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Don't forget to wish these people a Happy Birthday!

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Vaughan Williams, and Strauss. Featured guests include Xavi Bou, photographer for the Ornitographies Project, Sam Claggett and "Cisco" the Great Horned Owl from the Buttonwood Park Zoo, and Stanford University's David Lentink.

Individual tickets can be purchased for \$15 per household, and schools and societies receive unlimited access for \$150. Tickets can be purchased on the NBSO website at [nbsymphony.org/](http://nbsymphony.org/). On March 23, purchasers will receive an email with the private link and password to access the concert video and all online additional video performances, composer interviews, educational lessons, games, and activities.

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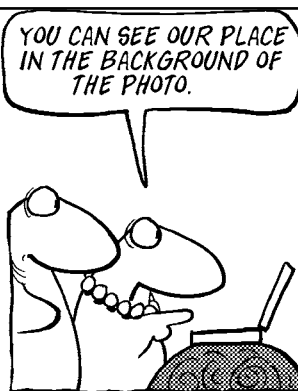
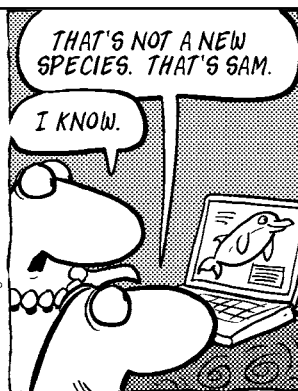
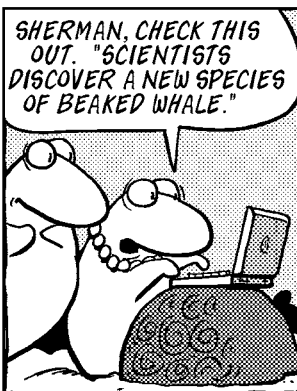
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Since 1947, the Sippican Woman's Club has awarded scholarships to Marion students. The scholarships are usually funded by proceeds from the Holiday House Tour but this year, due to the pandemic, it was funded by donations from various individuals.

**Eligibility:** Any Marion resident who is currently a high school senior and will attend an accredited college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree in the coming year.

**Criteria:** Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, and community service.

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This year's application forms can be downloaded in Adobe pdf or MSWord format from the website: [sippicanwomensclub.org/scholarships](http://sippicanwomensclub.org/scholarships). High school seniors must use APP-2021. Undergraduates applying for continuing support must use Re-APP-2021 and must have received a prior award.

### 'Staycation' Family Scavenger Hunt

The Mattapoisett Land Trust has created a few scavenger hunts for winter exploration. These

scavenger hunts will introduce you to a few of the many Mattapoisett Land Trust properties and teach you a few unique things about each site. Look for the 'Staycation Scavenger Hunt' welcome sign on a property and have fun.

**Scavenger Hunt Directions:** Locate the property you plan to visit on the Mattapoisett Land Trust website [www.mattlandtrust.org](http://www.mattlandtrust.org). Family Activities are in the menu on the left side of the page. There's only one more click to land you at Scavenger Hunts. Scroll through the listed properties for an overview of the property and directions. Each property has a list of items to find— print the list to take with you. When you find an item on the list, check it off. You may document your individual finds with photos. Please take a picture of you and your family somewhere on the property to prove you made it there and that you found everything. Following your visit, you can post your favorite pictures on your Instagram account using the hashtag #MLTscavengerhunt and tag @mattapoisettlandtrust. Facebook users can post pictures and comments on the [www.facebook.com/mattlandtrust](http://www.facebook.com/mattlandtrust) page. You may also email your photos to MLT via [mattlandtrust@gmail.com](mailto:mattlandtrust@gmail.com), and we will post them for you.

### Mattapoisett Congregational Church

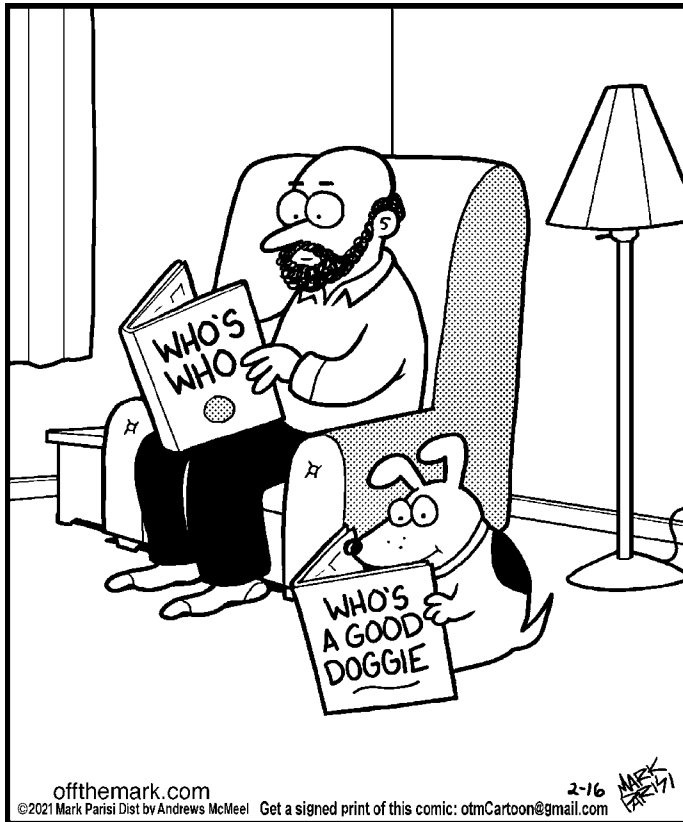
Mattapoisett Congregational Church, UCC, continues to post weekly worship services on its website and broadcast services through ORCTV.

All are invited to view the services at [mattapoisettcongregationalchurch.org](http://mattapoisettcongregationalchurch.org), under the "videos" pull-down menu. There you will find recorded services that include scripture, music, prayer, and a brief reflection. A new service is broadcast on ORCTV at 8:00 am on Sunday morning and then rebroadcast at 11:00 am on Wednesday.

Government guidelines and space restrictions for safe gathering prompted church leaders to discontinue in-person worship when the pandemic began. Until late autumn, the church held in-person services outdoors. Now, all services are back online. Please visit the church's website for all the latest information and find us on Facebook.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS					
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Chaouch, Mourad Nelson, Alanna	Copper Medal LLC	129 Converse Rd	Marion	01/27/2021	485,000.00
Martin, Baron Martin, Joan M	Preserve At Bay Club LLC	34 Split Rock Ln	Mattapoisett	01/29/2021	614,900.00
Mccullough, Christian Bichsel, Michael	Voelker, Ralph G Voelker, Janet M By Atty Voelker, Ralph G Atty	23 Cedarcrest Ave	Mattapoisett	01/29/2021	390,000.00
Millette, Christopher J Millette, Lauren V	Pleasant Street Partners LLC	67 Pleasant St	Marion	02/01/2021	1,195,000.00
Graner, Neil J TR Graner, Janet L TR Graner Living Trust	Preserve At Bay Club LLC	33 Split Rock Ln	Mattapoisett	02/02/2021	609,900.00



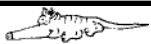


## Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	February 18	12:09	12:30	5:46	5:44
Friday	February 19	12:51	1:14	6:48	6:36
Saturday	February 20	1:35	2:04	8:15	7:39
Sunday	February 21	2:28	3:03	9:37	8:48
Monday	February 22	3:33	4:09	10:34	9:53
Tuesday	February 23	4:39	5:06	11:19	10:48
Wednesday	February 24	5:32	5:55	11:59	11:37
Thursday	February 25	6:18	6:41		12:38
Friday	February 26	7:01	7:25	12:24	1:15
Saturday	February 27	7:45	8:09	1:11	1:52
Sunday	February 28	8:29	8:55	1:58	2:28
Monday	March 1	9:16	9:43	2:45	3:05
Tuesday	March 2	10:05	10:34	3:31	3:42
Wednesday	March 3	10:57	11:28	4:18	4:23
Thursday	March 4	11:53		5:10	5:09
Friday	March 5	12:25	12:52	6:17	6:05
Saturday	March 6	1:25	1:53	8:23	7:18
Sunday	March 7	2:30	3:00	9:54	9:02

Phases of the Moon	First Quarter	February 19th
	Full Moon	February 27th
	Last Quarter	March 6th
	New Moon	March 13th



## I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

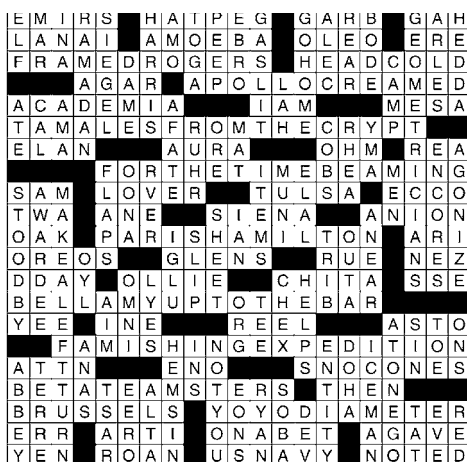
Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the February 11, 2021 edition the Aardvark was on page 43!

PUZZLE  
ANSWERS

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION



## SCRAMBLERS

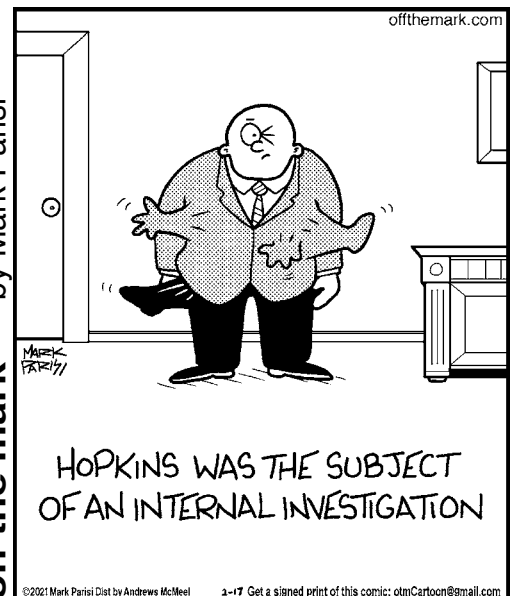
solution

1. Gargle 2. Vector;  
3. Villain; 4. Ankle

Today's Word  
**GIVING**

Sudoku Answer

2	5	1	8	7	3	4	6	9
3	4	9	2	6	1	8	5	7
7	8	6	4	9	5	2	1	3
1	7	2	3	8	4	6	9	5
4	9	5	7	1	6	3	8	2
6	3	8	5	2	9	1	7	4
5	1	4	6	3	7	9	2	8
9	2	7	1	4	8	5	3	6
8	6	3	9	5	2	7	4	1

by Mark Parisi  
off the mark



at PLUMB CORNER

**SALE EFFECTIVE:**  
Friday, February 19 – Thursday, February 25, 2021

565 Rounseville Road • Rochester, MA 02770

Phone: 508.763.5333

Open Daily: 7am–8pm

## Superior Quality Produce



1 lb. Pkg. Strawberries .....	<b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b>
3 lb. Bag Clementines .....	<b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b>
Seedless Red Grapes .....	<b>\$2<sup>49</sup> lb.</b>
Yellow or Red Bell Peppers .....	<b>\$3<sup>49</sup> lb.</b>
Pint Grape Tomatoes .....	<b>2/\$5</b>
1 lb. Pkg. Peeled Mini Carrots .....	<b>2/\$3</b>

## Grocery, Dairy, Frozen & Bakery

SanPellegrino  
330 ml Cans  
6 Pack Selected  
Sparkling  
Fruit Drinks

**\$4<sup>99</sup>**

+ Dep.



8 oz. Olde Cape Cod Oyster Crackers .....	<b>2/\$5</b>
Half Pint Bottles, 12 Pack Poland Spring Water .....	<b>2/\$6</b>
12-16 oz. Selected Betty Crocker Frosting .....	<b>2/\$4</b>
12-16 oz. Selected Prince Pasta .....	<b>4/\$5</b>
24 oz. Selected Barilla Pasta Sauce .....	<b>2/\$5</b>
11.7-13.3 oz. Selected Kellogg's Special K Cereal .....	<b>2/\$6</b>

Fresh Baked  
24 oz. Pkg.  
Apple Pie  
**\$4<sup>99</sup>**



5.5 oz. Selected Food Should Taste Good Tortilla Chips .....	<b>2/\$5</b>
16 oz. Selected Flavored Liquid (Excludes Natural Bliss) Nestle Coffee-mate .....	<b>2/\$5</b>
52 oz. Selected Florida's Natural Juice .....	<b>\$3<sup>79</sup></b>
In-Store Made Garlic Bread .....	<b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>

Dear friends & customers,  
To stay posted on the latest information about store hours,  
product availability or to simply receive a cheerful update  
to brighten your day, we have created a new

**Facebook** page for the store!

Please "Like" and "Follow" ...  
**Friends Marketplace–Plumb Corner**

Please email your order with your phone number to  
Plumb@FriendsMarketplace.net for  
**Curbside Pickup**

We are here for you and are honored to serve you  
during this unprecedented time.

– The Friends' Marketplace at Plumb Corner Team

## Wine & Beer

All Beer is  
Plus Deposit

1.5 Liter, France, Rosé La Vieille Ferme Wine .....	<b>\$14<sup>99</sup></b>
750 ml California, Pinot Noir Hob Nob Wine .....	<b>\$9<sup>99</sup></b>

We have an awesome selection of fresh,  
cold Craft Beer from:  
Lawson's • Fiddlehead • Mayflower • Harpoon  
Cisco Brewing • & many more!

We have over 75  
varieties of wine  
(& more coming)  
that are only  
3/\$15 or \$5<sup>99</sup> ea.  
Mix & Match wines  
from California,  
France, Italy,  
Argentina, Chile, &  
Australia!

## Cheese & Spreads

5 oz. Pkg. Selected Shredded, Grated, Shaved, or Crumbled Parmesan, Romano, Gorgonzola, or Asiago BelGioioso Cheese .....	<b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>
6 oz. Pouch Boar's Head Pepperoni .....	<b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>

**SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!**



Check our new selections of  
**Local & Craft Beer,  
Cider & Wine!**

- Safety Guidelines**
- Face covering required at all times in the store
  - Limit trips (buy more at once)
  - Only 1 shopper per household when possible
  - Keep a safe social distance



Friends Market at  
Plumb Corner was  
Voted #1 for Deli  
& Garden Center/  
Nursery for 2020!



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Open at 7am daily!

**Friends'**  
marketplace

We now offer curbside pickup!  
Please call the store  
for details.

at PLUMB CORNER

Open Daily: 7am-8pm

We reserve the right to limit quantities & correct typographical errors. Illustrations are for design purposes only. Items are while supplies last and no rain checks. Due to current market conditions, item retails may change and products may become unavailable unexpectedly.

**SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, February 19 – Thursday, February 25, 2021**

## Blockbuster Savings!

Friends'  
Premium Black Angus  
Boneless  
Sirloin  
Tip Steak  
**\$9.99**  
lb.



Friends'  
Store Baked  
Turkey  
**\$7.99**  
lb.



Kellogg's  
12 oz. Rice Krispies  
or Corn Flakes  
Cereal  
**2/\$6**



Friendly's  
48 oz. Selected  
Ice Cream  
**\$3.99**



Corona or  
Corona Light  
12 oz. Cans/Bottles  
12 Pack  
**\$17.99**



Bread & Butter  
750 ml California  
Chardonnay  
Wine  
**\$13.99**



## Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods

Chairman's Reserve  
Prime, Boneless  
Pork  
Chops  
**\$3.99**  
lb.



Boar's Head  
12 oz. Pkg. Thick Cut  
Bacon ..... **\$5.99**

Boar's Head  
16 oz. Pkg.  
Kielbasa..... **\$5.99**

Boar's Head  
SmokeMaster, Beechwood  
Smoked  
Ham ..... **\$8.99**  
lb.

Allen's  
Fresh  
Rotisserie  
Chicken  
**\$8.99**  
ea.



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